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#### **States**

Hunter S. Thompson memorial: Friends and family of the late Hunter S. Thompson gathered Saturday night at a luxury hotel to remember the writer with a private party.

In keeping with Thompson's wishes, the memorial celebration at the Hotel Jerome in this mountain resort town was closed to reporters and the public.

Outside, a careful passerby might have noson in a film adaptation of "Fear and Loath-ing in Las Vegas," and John Cusack slipping into the hotel, along with guests carrying in-

Inside, the hotel's ballroom was decorated with a giant American flag and an almost life-size black-and-white photo cutout of Thompson standing in front of it.

Aspen residents honored Thompson's request for privacy.

#### World

Kyrgyzstan election protests: Hundreds of people across Kyrgyzstan on Sunday protested alleged irregularities in last month's elections, with supporters of one opposition candidate blocking a key road linking the country with China, police said.

Supporters of another opposition candidate continued to occupy a government building in the country's south for a third day Sunday, refusing to recognize his defeat in the Feb. 27 vote.

The Central Asian nation's parliamentary elections were criticized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as falling short of international standards. Election officials said opposition candidate Ishenbay Kadyrbekov's appeal with the Central Election Commission would be considered on Monday

Jordan terror arrest: A man charged with e-mailing bomb threats to Jordanian intelligence officers said Sunday he was tortured into making false confessions while in deten-

Murad Khaled al-Assidah, 18, a Jordanian of Palestinian descent, was arrested in December and has pleaded not guilty to Jor-dan's charge of threatening violence to disturb the public.

His case was adjourned until March 13.

Madrid bombings: The prime minister has urged media outlets not to broadcast grisly footage and photos of the Madrid train bombings as Spain marks the attacks' first anniversary this week, saving it will make victims suffer unduly.

News coverage "at all times must respect the victims' pain," Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Saturday in an interview with the private Foundation for Victims of Terror-

The government has declared Friday's anniversary a day of national mourning, with flags to fly at half-staff.

British royal wedding: The forthcoming wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles is good for Britain and people should support it, the former Archbishop of Canterbury said Sunday.

A local registry is expected to rule soon on nine formal objections that have been filed against the marriage plans. The objections were filed by unidentified Britons on Friday, the deadline for such challenges.

James Brown in Indonesia: Legendary soul singer James Brown said Sunday that Michael Jackson was being "set up" in his child molestation trial and that the embattled performer should be touring tsunami-hit Asia rather than defending himself in a U.S. court.

Speaking in Indonesia ahead of a concert



Pope's recovery: Pope John Paul II waves to faithful Sunday as he appears for the traditional Angelus prayer at a window of his apartment on the 10th floor of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital, in this picture released by Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The pope looked alert as he sat behind the closed window, repeatedly raising his arms to bless the crowd, but he did not speak during the three-minute appearance. Residents in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, held special prayers and signed a book of greetings that will be delivered to the pope. Orthodox Christians in Bucharest, Romania, also prayed for the pontiff, who visited the nation in 1999, his first trip to a Christian Orthodox country.

also claimed to be the root of modern music. "All the music playing the last part of the 20th century was all James Brown," he said.

dian Ocean

"The 21st century is iust James Brown period. Whether it's rap, hip hop, gospel, or country doesn't make no difference. They are all using my stuff and I'm glad because I've been able to bring something to music. Brown said he came

to Indonesia in part to raise awareness about the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 173,000 people in 11 countries around the In-

N. Korea nuke talks: North Korean leaders told China they are ready to resume six-nation nuclear talks, the Chinese foreign minister said Sunday, but he didn't say whether Pyongyang attached any condi-

China has been trying to arrange new talks on the North's nuclear program. Pyongyang announced Feb. 10 that it had produced nuclear weapons and had no interest in returning to the disarmament talks.

Responding to a message from Chinese President Hu Jintao, the North Korean leadership said it "remained ready and willing to continue to participate in the six-party talks," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said.

China's defense budget: A general in charge of finance for China's military says Beijing doesn't spend enough on defense ven after the announcement of another double-digit annual budget increase. "Compared with other major countries in

the world, the military expenditures of our country are still at a fairly low level," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Ding Jiye as saying.

China announced Friday its military budget will rise 12.6 percent this year to \$29.9 billion — a figure that analysts say is proba-

Sunday, the 71-year-old Godfather of Soul bly far less than its true spending. It was the fourth double-digit increase in five years.

> Bobby Fischer deportation saga: American chess champion Bobby Fischer could be deported to the United States to face tax evasion charges, a Jananese news report said

> The report by the national Mainichi newspaper could signal more trouble for Fischer as he hattles a senarate Jananese denortation order to the United States and tries to win free passage to Iceland. Fischer, 61, has been held by Japanese immigration authorities since being arrested in July while trying to board a plane to the Philippines allegedly using an invalid U.S. passport.

> Congo violence: Children as young as 8 and women are among the militia who have attacked several villages in Congo's violent Ituri province, killing dozens and forcing more than 70,000 from their homes, a Unit ed Nations spokesman said

> Militias suspected of killing nine U.N. peacekeepers in northeastern Congo have also taken thousands of people hostage to use as sex slaves and to ferry gold and other minerals, said U.N. spokesman Kemal Saiki.

> U.N. peacekeepers negotiated the release of more than 1,500 hostages in early February, and assisted another 3,700 who were kidnapped and later released by ethnic Lendu militia, said Maj. Aamer Zahid, spokesman for U.N. troops in Congo, on Sat-

Somalia peace demonstrations: Hundreds of people demonstrated peacefully Sunday in support of the U.S. government's stand against the use of peacekeepers from neighboring countries in efforts to end So-

malia's 14-year conflict.
On Thursday, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher backed key Sospokeshan kuladu Bodicie bakeva key ob-mali lawmakers, saying that the interests of Somalia's neighbors — Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya — are best served by a stable and effective central government running Somalia and not by them being part of a peacekeeping mission.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



A woman in Rome on Saturday reads II Manifesto, which featured an article by journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who denied U.S. allegations that a car driving her to the Baghdad airport was speeding before U.S. soldiers shot at it, wounding Sgrena and killing an Italian intelligence officer.

# Italian journalist rejects American account of attack

BY MARIA SANMINIATELLI

ROME — The Italian journalist wounded by American troops in Iraq after her release by insurgents rejected the U.S. military's account of the shooting and declined Sunday to rule out the possibility she was deliberately targeted. The White House said it was a "horrific accident" and promised a full investigation.

Meanwhile, an autopsy performed on the agent who died trying to save Giuliana Sgrena reportedly showed he was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly as the

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car carrying Sgrena sped to the Baghdad airport.

Friday's shooting that wounded the 56-year-old journalist and

killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari as they were celebrating her freedom has fueled anti-American sentiment in a country where people are deeply

opposed to U.S. policy in Iraq. Sgrena, who works for the communist daily II Manifesto, did not rule out that she was targeted, saying the United States likely disapproved of Italy's methods to secure her release, although she did not elaborate.

"The fact that the Americans don't want negotiations to free the hostages is known," Sgrena told Sky TG24 television by telephone, her voice hoarse and shaky, "The fact that they do everything to prevent the adoption of this practice to save the lives of people held hostages, everybody knows that. So I don't see why I should rule out that I could have been the tarset.

Italian officials have not provided details about the negotiations leading to Sgrena's release Friday after a month in captivity, but Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno was quoted as saying it was "very likely" a ransom was paid. U.S. officials object to ransoms, saying it encourages further kidnapoings.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday the shootings were a "horrific accident" and pointed out that President Bush had called Berlusconi to offer condolences and promise a full investigation.

The U.S. military has said the car Sgrena was riding in was speeding, and Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing

white lights and warning shots to get it to stop at the roadblock. But in an inter-

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But in an interview with Italian
La 7 TV, Sgrena
said, "There was
no bright light, no signal." She
also said the car was traveling at

"regular speed."
Sgrena also recalled how Calipari, who led negotiations for her release, died after throwing himself over her when the shooting broke out as they were celebrating her freedom on the way to the

airport
"I remember only fire," she
wrote in Il Manifesto, which
fiercely opposed the war in Iraq.
'At that point a rain of fire and
bullets came at us, forever silencing the happy voices from a few
minutes earlier."

Sgrena said the driver began shouting that they were Italian, then "Nicola Calipari dove on top of me to protect me and immediately, I felt his last breath as he died on me."

An autopsy was performed Sunday, and ANSA quoted doctors as saying Calipari was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly.

## Kurds, Shiites get top jobs as assembly set to meet March 16

BY PATRICK OUINN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi politicians set March 16 for the opening of the country's first democratically elected parliament in modern history as a deal hardened Sunday to name Jalal Talabani, a leader of the minority Kurds, to the largely ceremonial presidency.

The powerful prime minister's job will go to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a deeply conservative Shitie who is leader of the Islamic Dawa party. His nomination, which the Kurds have agreed to, has been endorsed by the most powerful Shitie cleric in Iraq — Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

"This was one of our firm demands and we agreed on it previously. The agreement states that Jalal Talabani takes the presidential post and one of the United Iraqi Alliance members takes the prime minister's post," Talabani spokesman Azad Jundiyan said

He added, however, that the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance also reached a preliminary agreement with the Kurds on their other conditions — including extending their territories to include Kirkuk.

Jundiyan said they wanted the deal on paper before going though with it, while alliance officials, including Ahmad Chalabi, said those negotiations were not over.

Baghdad's new Shiite governor, Ali Fadhil al-Imser, took office Sunday to become the city's first democratically elected municipal official since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Provincial and municipal elections were held alongside national ones on Jan. 30.

In northern Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, gunmen killed a prominent Sunni Arab politician. Hana Abdul Qader, a lawyer and former member of Mosul's previous city council, was shot as she left her home, said Noor Al-Din Saied, a spokesman for the Iraqi Islamic party in Mosul.

U.S. soldiers assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and Iraqi forces arrested more than 60 suspected insurgents in the city of Haswa, 31 miles south of Baghdad, on Saturday, a U.S. military announcement said Sunday.

State-run Al-Iraqiya television also reported that Barham Saleh, a Kurd who is the deputy prime minister for national security affairs, confirmed that the 275-seat National Assembly elected more than one month ago would convene on March 16.

March 16 is the anniversary of the 1988 Saddam Hussein-ordered chemical attack on the northern Kurdish town of Halabja, which killed 5,000 people. Saleh had met with alliance leader Abdel Aziz al-Hakim on Saturday when the alliance convened to discuss the issue.

Al-Jaafari and the alliance had agreed on Talabani's presidency during a March 3 meeting with Kurdish leaders in northern Irbil.

Kurds had long wanted the job for Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

The alliance, with 140 seats in the assembly, needs the 75 seats held by a Kurdish coalition for the two thirds majority needed to elect a president and two vice presidents, the first step toward setting up a government under a prime minister.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who controls 40 seats in the assembly, also has been negotiating to keep his job.



Residents of the al-Wahda neighborhood, south of Baghdad, protest outside the Convention Center in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Sunday. The protesters say a lack of security in their neighborhood leaves them open to attacks.

#### U.S. deaths in Iraq

he Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,507 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday. The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20, Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush de-

clared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,369 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,033 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No deaths reported.

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tary or family:

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Cars pull to the side of the road as a recent Combat Logistics Patrol passes through downtown Tikrit. Iragis have been told to vield when a convoy passes. The dangers of moving supplies from point A to point B in Iraq are so severe. "convov" isn't a word that does justice to the mission. "Combat Logistics Patrol" has taken over to describe the the military vehicles manned by soldiers who escort civilians in the truck and are ready to unleas a hail of bullets on anyone who tries to stop them.

PHOTOS BY CHARLIE COON

### Soldiers' eyes wide open on roads in Iraq

### Combat Logistics Patrols stay vigilant while moving supplies

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

TIKRIT, Iraq — "You say a little prayer before going out," Spc. Hamdan Jaludi said. "After that you just keep your eyes open."

So begins the Combat Logistics Patrol, which is when heavily armed military vehicles escort a line of trucks that are moving sup plies from point A to point B. Civilians drive the trucks, while the military vehicles are manned by soldiers ready to unleash a hail of bullets at anyone who tries to stop them It is a tense daily routine — so

potentially deadly that "convoy" isn't a word that does justice to the amped-up soldiers who guard

Exhausting? Not really, said the 22-year-old Jaludi

"It's your vou're talking about, said





with places for insurgents to hide bombs or mount an ambush. which makes for high-sensory paranoia every time the soldiers leave the gate and results in high-fives and sighs of relief every time they return unscathed.

"It's almost addictive, like a drug," said 1st Lt. Brian Broas, a convoy commander with the 50th Main Support Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division. "No matter how short of a trip, you spend a day and a half preparing for it.

"During the actual convoy it's exhilarating. You constantly have to push other thoughts out of your mind. Your perception is heightened. I can see how soldiers can get addicted to it." Tuesday's convoy was typical

it ran from Tikrit to Kirkuk and back about 65 miles and 2 hours 45 minutes each way

The route snaked through downtown Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, and moved out onto a crusty two-lane road dubbed IED Alley for its history of roadside bombs that have been placed there

The relatively small 22-vehicle convoy was delivering water, food, mail, vehicle parts and other necessities to Forward Operating Base Warrior, and planned to return other vehicles and payload back to the 50th MSB's home base. FOB Speicher. one of the main supply hubs in north-central Iraq. As soon as

it left Speich-er, soldiers in one armored Humvee noticed that no Iraqi children were out playing at their usual spot. A single shot was

the adjacent neighborhood of shacks. Maybe it was a sniper, maybe just someone harassing the troops, they said. Troops carefully examined a

usual

fired from

single, leafy tree in the highway median as they approached, it's an easy spot to plant a bomb.

"They gotta cut that down," Broas barked over the roar of the Humvee's engine.

The light traffic in Tikrit that morning was a troublesome sign. Up in the Humvee's turret, Jaludi waves at oncoming Iraqi motorists to pull off to the shoulder. Most do, some don't. He swings his M249 Squad Automatic Weanon around and aims it at drivers who come too close.

The Humvee driver veers toward those who are driving toward the vehicle, and the aimed

### At a fast clip, unit takes over

TIKRIT, Iraq - In its first three weeks in Iraq, the 50th Main Support Battalion ran 165 convoys to U.S. bases throughout north-central Iraq.

Its soldiers, part of the 42nd Infantry Division-led Task Force Liberty, delivered 1.100 vehicles and their payloads of water, fuel, ammunition and other necessities. Then they turned around and brought more vehicles and supplies back home to Forward Operating Base Speicher.

"It was a little steep to begin with," said Lt. Col. Roch Switlik, the battalion commander, because the task force had just taken the reins from the 1st Infantry Division. "We'll now average 15 to 20 CLPs a week, 60 to 100 vehicles a day."

CLPs, pronounced "clips," stands for Combat Logistics Patrols, the new name for convoys. It's a name Switlik said better reflects the missions, when the battalion's well-armed Humvees and Hemett repair-recovery vehicles escorts tractor-trailers loaded with supplies

"Combat teams are out there looking for insurgents," Switlik said, "The insurgents are out there looking for us. Each level of play on the battlefield has its own level of risk."

The 50th MSB took over for the 1st ID's 701st Main Support Battalion

"They didn't lose anybody," Switlik said of the 701st. "Obviously, some of it was luck. The majority of their success was because their soldiers were well trained and disciplined."

#### Going to school

Each convoy starts with a trip to the "CLP Academy," a warehouse converted by the 701st MSB into a briefing room. The soldiers assemble on wooden bleachers and are given a rundown of where they're going, how many vehicles are going, and the latest intelligence reports concerning the

There is a movie screen where Powerpoint presentations are shown, and on the cement floor is a 20-by-50 foot topographical map showing bases, es, mountain passes and little red markers indicating the sites of previous attacks by insurgents roadside explosives, small-arms fire and car



Spc. Jessica Opatz, right, and other soldiers from the 50th Main Support Battalion listen to 1st Lt.
Jeff Nilsen inside the Combat Logistics Patrol Academy as he details an upcoming convoy.

"The soldiers need to know how serious it is every time they go out the gate," said Staff Sgt. Jason Shelledy, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 50th MSB's Company C

"They're going to do it every day. It's a routine. If they don't take it seriously somebody is going to get hurt. Every time they have to go out like it's the

Radio checks are made beforehand, and the soldiers test-fire their weapons into a huge bank of dirt before leaving the gate.

#### Talking the TOC

The battalion's tactical operations center runs around the clock. Its 10 soldiers chart the where abouts of the convoys and relays information and orders. They brief the convoy commanders prior to and during missions.

"If something happens during a CLP, I want to know about it," said Master Sgt. Warren Williams, the center's noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a veteran of two tours in Vietnam.

"We're the lifeline of the operation," Williams said, "especially when we've got CLPs out there on the [road]. Communication and teamwork is impor-

The crew works 12-hour shifts, some from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the rest from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The routine can make for long days but they find ways to

stay on the ball. One, we have an important job," said Sgt. Robert Augustine. "And two, we have fun with each

other, and that keeps us motivated."

— Charlie Coon

gun and big Humvee bumper cause the motorists to submit. them." Jaludi said. pull over and stop

"You gotta play chicken with of the road causes Jaludi to duck

down in his turret - just in case.

Some trash sitting by the side SEE PATROLS ON PAGE 5

### **3rd Task Force 2-7 member gets Silver Star**

Murray, left, the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division commander presents the Silver Star to Sgt. Benny J. Alicea. 33, of Attleboro, Mass., on Saturday at Camp Taii. Iran, Alicea saved the lives of six fellow squad memhers during a firefight with insurgents last November in Fallujah despite suffering shrapnel wounds from



#### Sergeant saved six fellow troops in Falluiah battle

Stars and Stripes

CAMP TAJI, Iraq - On the eve before going home, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Task Force handed out a third Silver Star.

Sgt. Benny J. Alicea, 33, of Attleboro, Mass. earned the medal in Fallujah when he saved the lives of six fellow squad members during a November firefight with insurgents - despite suffering shrapnel wounds from two grenades.

"Sgt. Alicea epitomizes what's great about our Army," said Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, the 2-7 Cavalry commander. "He's a young, disciplined warrior who's willing to give his life in the protection of his comrades.

The 850-member task force, which is returning to Fort Hood, Texas, garnered dozens of decorations during the past year, the majority surfacing from its participation in the Fallujah and Najaf campaigns. Between those two battles, 2-7 collected 17 Bronze Star Medals for valor and 63 Army Commendation Medals

Sgt. Mathew Zedwick of Corvallis, Ore., received a Silver Star two weeks ago. Honored posthumously with a Silver Star, Spc. Jose A. Velez, 23, of Lubbock, Texas, was killed by a sniper as he stood over wounded comrades in Fallujah on Nov. 13.

That same day, Alicea — then a specialist serving as a rifleman and grenadier in Company A — and others went door to door, rounding up terrorist suspects, when they were ambushed at a two-story house along the primary north-south road in Fallu-

Dropping back into the courtyard, with gunfire spraying out of the house and from across the street, he was struck in the hip and buttocks by shrapnel from two grenades that had been rolled through the front door

Moving away from the courtyard, the squad headed for the street. After continuing to fire on the house, Alicea was the last to emerge.

"That's when my leg gave out on me, and I just dropped," said Alicea, who huddled into a position alongside three wounded comrades in the middle of the road as multiple rounds flew all around them.

"I just kept firing my weapon, just shooting, waiting to get hit. I'd pretty much figured at any given point, it was all over. I just kept firing my weapon, but I didn't think I was going to make it through it."

When his own ammunition was exhausted he grabbed magazines from the wounded and managed to protect the position until another Bradley fighting vehicle arrived on the scene. He helped load the most seriously injured soldiers before finally being taken away himself.

Alicea spent five days recovering, and his squad suffered four casualties and the loss of Velez. That made Saturday's award bittersweet.

"It feels good," he said, "but like I said, I miss Velez all the time. It's an honor to receive the award, but when I look at it. I see him, too, It makes me think about what happened that day.

"It's been a tough year for us. We've done things that I don't think any other unit could do. We've pushed it a lot and taken some losses. I'm just happy a lot of us are going home."

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### Patrols: Mile after mile of suspicious objects, people

The convoy leaves Tikrit and enters a barren land of dirt and rocks, hills and crevices and the occasional sheep farmer

Three men stand in a field. The Americans watch them closely, trying to determine if they are innocent bystanders or plotting insurgents.

Meanwhile, a piece of cargo comes unfastened from one of the trucks. At the next open stretch the convoy grinds to a halt and the soldiers scramble to set up a nerimeter around the vehicles guns pointing and eyes darting, while others clamp down the cargo

The engines fire back up and the convoy rolls, and mile after mile each suspicious object and person draws a long hard stare. On the way back from FOB Warrior, a flare in the distance shoots into the sky as the convoy rolls toward it. It might be a signal by insurgents that the convoy is approaching. It might not be anything

After the convoy, Jaludi, in his distinct New Jersey accent, describes a few of his thoughts while up in the turret.

"I had three of them just staring me down," he said of the three men in the field. "Three farmers, their faces are covered up. And I look at them, and they're just look-

"The little shack by the side of the road? You see it every time. So maybe today I'm not going to look at it. That's the day someone might be in there.





PHOTOS BY CHARLIE COON/Stars and Strings

U.S. troops must be vigilant while on Iraqi roads, but many know some signs that can signal attack. Left: An Iraqi security checkpoint along Main Supply Route Clemson, between Tikrit and Kirkuk, slows down the convoy and provides an attractive opportunity for insurgents. Right: A man atop a donkey watches a convoy pass from about 100 yards off the road, close enough to launch a rocket-propelled grenade if he had one.

#### On the lookout on the road

To the trained eye, even something not there can be a potential threat. Around Iraq, troops must quickly decide what's dangerous and what's safe. Here are some of the common signs soldiers in the 50th Main Support Battalion look for

No kids playing: If children are not outside playing in their normal locations, it could mean something is afoot.

Freshly dug holes: Insurgents use holes either on the pavement or alongside it to hide bombs along a convoy route. Most of Iraq's roads, however, have broken sections and often are covered in a spider web of cracks. The shoulders also have many holes and crev-

Trees, especially leafy ones: Many of the trees in the median and along the highways have been cut down because insurgents use them to hang bombs (at about 8- to 10-feet high, the same height of the exposed gunners riding atop a Bradley, Humvee or light-armored vehicle).

Crowded places: At places such as gas stations or busy intersections or markets, insur-gents know that U.S. troops are hesitant to fire into a crowd

Checkpoints: Insurgents have been targeting places where Iraqi security forces accu-

Dead animals on the road: The corpse of a big dog like those used by Iraqi sheep herders is large enough under which to hide a bomb. They've also been used to cause military vehicles to veer around the animal and onto a planted IED. Insurgents have also used live donkeys to carry IEDs.

Motorcyclists: Motorcycles are nimble enough to come from off the road into a convoy, from which the driver or passenger can lob a grenade then make a quick getaway.

People: Ones standing suspiciously next to the road could be a suicide bomber. A man standing from 20 to 100 yards off the road could be hiding a rocket-propelled-grenade and launcher.

Pieces of tire treads, rock piles or scrap metal: Iraq's roadsides are strewn with them, and they have been used to conceal roadside

Vehicles suddenly appearing: It is understood that vehicles are supposed to pull off to the side of the road when a military-escorted convoy is coming through. If a person races up from an adjoining field, or if one yeers toward a convoy or approaches rapidly from behind, it could be a car filled with explosives

Flares, kites and puffs of smoke ahead: Insurgents have used them to signal that a con-

vov is approaching Unusual manmade rock formations or unnatural objects: They have been placed along roadsides by insurgents who use them as

markers to time rocket-propelled-grenade launches or bomb detonations. Narrow mountain passes: These areas are perfect places for ambushes.

- Charlie Coon

### Stronghold of Afghan resistance disarms

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a landmark for the U.N.-backed campaign to disarm Afghanistan's warlords, the last heavy weapons have been collected from the former stronghold of the anti-Taliban resistance in the Panjshir Valley, officials said Sunday.

The countrywide disarmament drive which also aims to get 60.000 militiamen to turn in their weapons to make way for the new U.S.-trained national army, is on track for completion by June, said Rick Grant, spokesman for the U.N.-run Afghanistan's New Beginnings Program.

The last half dozen of the 115 heavy weapons - including tanks, armored personnel carriers and rockets - found in the Panjshir since January were collected Friday by U.N. staff, deactivated and put in a secure compound in the region guarded by the Afghan National Army, Grant

While a few hundred more heavy weapons have still to be collected in other regions of Afghanistan, mostly in the northern province of Herat, Grant said the completion of the process in the Panjshir was symbolically important.

The Panjshir was seen as the center of the resistance to the Soviet occupation and the Taliban and the most heavily armed region in the country. Now it's cleared it sends a message to the rest of the country of the progress that's being made," he said.

The valley was the mountain stronghold of famed resistance commander Ahmad Shah Massood, whose ethnic Tajik supporters were at the core of the North-

United States drive out the Taliban more than three years ago. But some alliance leaders were accused of dragging their feet over disarmament.

Collection of heavy weapons in the Panjshir also was briefly suspended in January after two cranes used in the disarmament were set on fire.

Grant said that local leaders had since supported the disarmament drive and there were no further violent incidents.

More than 8.630 functioning or repairable heavy weapons have ow been collected nationwide,

around 9,000 left over a quarter century of conflict. Some of the hardware will be put into use by the national army which is hoped to consolidate the control and reach of Karzai's government.

The disarmament of militiamen has also gathered pace in re-cent months after a slow start. Officials say that more than 42,000 have handed over weapons and so far about three-quarters of them have joined training programs to prepare them for civil-

The disarmament campaign is slated to cost \$160 million, principally funded by Japan.

#### Militiamen learn art of demining

Ghulam Haidar, 25, a former militiaman, receives training as a deminer in Kabul, Afghanistan Some 93 individuals are finishing a month of training with Halo Trust, a charitable organization specializing in the removal of mines that now has around 2,000 deminers working in Afghanistan.



### Iraqi brigade takes over more hot spots

BY LIZ SLY Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD - In a small but potentially mo mentous shift, the U.S. military has handed control of some of Baghdad's most violent neighborhoods to the Iraqi army, a first step toward taking U.S. soldiers off the streets.

The transfer has taken place gradually over the weeks since the Iraqi election and is now complete, leaving about 4,000 Iraqi soldiers with full authority over 10 Baghdad neighborhoods, U.S. and Iraqi officials say

They include notorious hot spots such as insurgent-infested Haifa Street, which has long been a no-go area for ordinary Iragis, and the hard-line Sunni neighborhood of Adhamiya another insurgent stronghold

"This means we do not have to be in place in those areas," said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, spokesman for the 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad. "They are some tough areas, but the [Iraqi] brigade is well-trained and they're mission-capable."

U.S. advisers are embedded with the Iraqi units, and U.S. forces are on call to help out should they be needed, but the four battalions of the 40th Brigade that have been granted autonomy have full control over their operations, Iraqi and U.S. officials say.

"These operations now are being planned

and conducted 100 percent by the Iraqi forcsaid Gen. Mudhir Mawla, the commander

of Iraqi forces in Baghdad Officials had intended for Iraqi security forces to begin taking over from the Americans this year. The transfer was accelerated

after the success of January's election, when U.S. soldiers deliberately hung back and left the job of securing polling sites to the Iraqis in order to avoid any impression of interference in the political process.

It is widely acknowl-edged that the Iraqi securiforces performed well above expectations, encouraging U.S. commanders to press ahead with the transfer of authority.

"During several missions and after the elections, a se-

ries of decisions were made that they've proven themselves," said Col. Billy Buckner, a U.S. military spokesman. "Now they're at the level of capability where they can be given a piece of terrain to manage and to conduct operations in. We expect as they gain in confidence, more transfers will occur.

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Col. Billy Buckner

"The plan depends on the success of the 40th Brigade in Baghdad," said Mawla, 57, an Iraqi army veteran who came out of retire-ment to help get the decimated army up and running again.

"If we succeed in controlling Baghdad, then there will be no need for the presence of U.S. forces. They will have bases outside Baghdad."

Another brigade, the 41st, was activated last week: it aims to start taking control of parts of Baghdad by August. If all goes well, the Iraqi army will be in full control of the city by December, Mawla said.

Maj. Gen. William Webster who commands the 3rd Infantry Division

a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, would not put a timeline on the transfer

"We hope so," he said of the December deadline. "The beginning is very strong; the 40th Brigade is doing very well. They have captured and killed a number of terrorists. But it's going to be dependent on events and on their readiness to fight this counterinsur-gency for themselves."

#### Peace prize petition

BAGHDAD - A group of exiled Iraqi Christians in the United States have launched an online petition nominating Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize, drawing more than 6,000 signatures from around the world

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani gave Muslims all around the globe a good example how to fol-low peaceful ways to resolve complex social (and) political chalplex Social (and) pointed that lenges that face them, condemn-ing terror and emphasizing ... rule of law," the petition said. Al-Sistani, 75, is Iraq's most-re-vered Shitte cleric and also a sym-

bol of Shiite political power. He has spoken out repeatedly since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003, opposing anti-American violence and calling for an end to conflict, including a bloody summer uprising by rebel Shiite cleric Mugtada al-Sadr

#### Bulgaria mulls mission

SOFIA, Bulgaria - The Bulgarian government will decide by the month's end whether to keep its troops in Iraq after their current mission ends in July, Defense Minister Nikolai Svinarov said Sunday, two days after Bulgaria lost an eighth soldier in Iraq.

Svinarov stressed, however, that he saw no reasons for withdrawal and that the decision would not be influenced by the latest death or by the upcoming elections in Bulgaria

'We have to decide whether we will stay involved in Iraq by the end of 2005 ... and how we will transform our participation as of the beginning of 2006," Svinarov told reporters

"I think that the democratic process in Iraq is developing succe fully, and it would be rather inadequate to change positions at this stage," he added.

#### Gitmo abuse reported

MIAMI - Captives at the Guantanamo Bay prison are alleging that guards kicked and stomped on Korans and cursed Allah, and that interrogators punished them by taking away their pants, knowing that would prevent them from praying

Guards also mocked captives at prayer and censored Islamic reli-gious books, the captives allege. And in one incident, they say, a prison barber cut a cross-shaped patch of hair on an inmate's head. From The Associated Press

#### IN THE WORLD



Lebanese special forces soldiers ride on their armored personnal carriers Sunday during a security patrol in the Martyrs Square where the opposition protesters hold their daily demonstration against Syria in central Beirut, Lebanon,

### Syria to begin pull out of troops in Lebanon Monday

BY ZEINA KARAM

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Syrian troops will begin redeploying toward eastern Lebanon on Monday in a pullback that will take two or three days, Lebanon's defense minister said Sunday

Abdul-Rahim Murad told The Associated Press that said the withdrawal from Mount Lebanon and northern Lebanon toward the Bekaa Valley would begin directly after a Damascus meeting of the presidents of the two coun-

Also Sunday, the leader of the Hezbollah militant group called for a massive demonstration in Beirut this week against international interference in Lebanon to counter the weeks of anti-Syrian protests here.

The redeployment of the 14,000 Syrian troops to the Bekaa is the first phase of a two-step pullback Syrian President Bashar Assad outlined in a speech to par-

#### Jordan's foreign minister meets with Israeli leaders

JERUSALEM - Jordan's foreign minister met Israeli leaders on Sunday, the first such visit in more than four years, signifving renewed diplomatic efforts to resolve long-standing regional conflicts involving Israel, the Palestinians, Syria and Leba-

Jordanian Foreign Minister Hani al-Mulgi called for intense peace efforts in meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, just before Shalom left for Washington. U.S. officials said Sharon

would visit the White House in mid-April, following the first trip to Washington by Mahmoud Abbas as Palestinian leada reflection of renewed U.S. involvement in Mideast peacemaking in the post-Yasser

liament on Saturday. His announcement, however, left it unclear whether Syrian forces would eventually leave Lebanon or remain inside the country near the border.

Later Saturday, Syrian Immigrant Affairs Minister Buthaina Shaaban indicated Syrian troops would withdraw completely from The details of the withdrawal

were to be finalized in a Monday meeting of the Supreme Syrian Lebanese Council, which comprises the top leadership of both coun-

### Relations between Italy, U.S. are, once again, being tested

See related

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON

ROME - Italy and the United States have been cons States have been consistently close allies since World War II but the relationship has had to survive such tough tests as a military standoff

over Wash. ington's bid capture a Palestinian guerrilla leader in Sici-

ly and the killing of 20 people when a Marine jet sliced a ski gondola's cables.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi must now manage the latest crisis off when story on Page 3 American troops in Iraq killed an

Italian intelligence officer involved in the release of an Italian journalist held hostage for a

With President Bush calling Berlusconi to assure him the shooting would be investigated, both sides appeared to be moving swiftly to contain the damage.

Defense Minister Antonio Martino was called by his American counterpart. Donald Rumsfeld. and the Italian said he felt "sure that investigations will shed full light on the circumstances that led to the tragic epilogue of the affair," the Defense Ministry said Sunday.

The slaving of the intelligence agent, as he was driving with journalist Giuliana Sgrena to Baghdad's airport shortly after her release, raised the political stakes for Berlusconi. Sgrena, who was held for a month, writes for the left-wing newspaper II Manifesto, which opposes the deployment of

Italian troops in Iraq.

Berlusconi has forged a close relationship with Bush, sending 3,000 troops after the fall of Sadd am Hussein to help in reconstruc-

He acted despite wide opposition to the war in the streets - a rainbow peace flag hangs from a window

side his Rome residence part to give Italy a greater voice in international affairs

Italy's two continental rivals. France and

Germany, opposed

When news of the killing reached him Friday night, Berlussummoned coni

the American ambassador and demanded that someone be held responsible.

Sgrena said U.S. forces opened fire on her car as it approached an American checkpoint, and that Nicola Calipari, the Italian agent who won her freedom, died in her arms after he tried to shield her from the gunfire. She has disputed U.S. military accounts that the car was speeding toward the checkpoint and that the Americans used hand and arm signals flashing white lights and fired warning shots to get the car to stop at the roadblock

Berlusconi's political allies, however, cautioned against using Calipari's killing as an excuse to pull out the troops.

Gianni Alemanno, a Cabinet minister from the right-wing National Alliance party, told the Corriere della Sera newspaper that to run out would only serve to offend the sacrifice made by a hero like him.

### China warns U.S., Japan not to include Taiwan in military alliance

BY JOE MCDONALD The Associated Press

BEIJING - China's foreign minister warned Japan and the United States on Sunday not to include Taiwan within the scone of their military alliance, saying Beijing would not permit interfer ence in what it considers an internal matter

The Communist Beijing government claims Taiwan, split from the mainland in 1949, as part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence.

"Any practice of putting Taiwan directly or indirectly into the scope of Japan-U.S. security cooperation constitutes an encroachment on China's sovereignty and affairs," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at a news conference held during the annual meeting of China's legislature. "The Chinese government and

the people are firmly against such activities," he said. Li's comments came two weeks

after China reacted angrily to a joint U.S.-Japanese declaration that reaffirmed the two governments' security arrangements and said they wanted to see the "peaceful resolution" of Taiwan's

China's legislature is preparing to enact an anti-secession law that officials say is meant to discourage Taiwan from trying to make its de facto independence permanent. Taiwanese leaders

stage for an attack on the island.

Washington is Taiwan's main arms supplier and could be drawn into any conflict over the is-

Li repeated Chinese criticisms of the U.S.-Japanese alliance as a Cold War relic and said such cooperation "ought to be strictly re-

stricted to a bilateral nature."
"If it goes beyond a bilateral scope definitely it will allow uneasiness on the part of Asian coun-tries and also bring about complicating factors to the regional secu-

rity situation," he said. Beijing regards Japan as its main rival for status as East Asia's dominant military power and responds angrily to any suggestion that Tokyo might extend the reach of its forces.

#### Taiwanese protest China's planned anti-secession law

The Associated Press

KAOHSIUNG. Taiwan More than 15,000 protesters marched in Taiwan on Sunday, denouncing China's planned anti-secession law and vowing to fight what they claim is Beijing's attempt to force this self-ruled, democratic island to unify with the mainland

"Taiwanese stand up, oppose China's hegemony," the protesters chanted as they marched, wearing red headbands, through Taiwan's southern city of Kaohsiung

Taiwan-China tensions have risen recently over Beijing's plan to pass the anti-secession legislation, which Taiwanese leaders say could set the stage for an attack on the island.

The two sides split amid civil war in 1949, but Beijing insists Taiwan is part of its territory and has repeatedly threatened to attack if Taipei formalizes its de facto independence or drags its feet on unification talks.



Supporters of Egyptian opposition leader Ayman Nour, a parliamentarian and head of the opposition al-Ghad or "tomorrow" party, rally at Egypt's High Court on Sunday to protest his Jan. 29 arrest.

## Grassroots support builds for jailed 'hero' of Egyptian reform

BY SARAH EL-DEEB The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — For years, Ayman Nour had handed out charity in a densely populated neighborhood of Cairo's old city — helping people find jobs, paying pensions to the elderly and opening a medical center.

Now each week, hundreds of supporters gather in the same neighborhood to call for the release of the current star of Egypt's reform movement, whose arrest angered Washington and caused Secretary of State Condolezza Rice to refer to Nour as a "hero" of democracy and cancel a propert visit here.

of democracy and cancel a recent visit here.

His work in the old city is the populist side of an ambitious politician.

Since high school, Nour, now 40, has skillfully maneuvered through the highest reaches of Egypt's stagnant political system — monopolized by a single party for a half-century — to emerge, for some, as a national hero who can bring new blood and, for others, as a fraud backed by foreigners.

His Jan. 29 arrest prompted supporters to accuse Egypt's government of trying to smear and eliminate a possible challenger in upcoming presidential elections. The government charges him with forging signatures to register his party. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's recent deci-

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's recent decision to change the constitution to allow multi-candidate presidential elections has led to speculation that Nour will soon be released.

In prison diaries published Saturday in the London-based al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, Nour wrote about his "humiliating" arrest outside parliament in late January.

"There was nothing I could do in the face of this flagrant tyramp but raise my hands to the sky, asking God to see what they are doing. I cried loudly: Let the tyrant hear, the history record and Egypt witness ... this is the fate of the honest men in Egypt," he wrote.

Nour's problem, some say, is that his popularity

Nour's problem, some say, is that his popularity has infringed on the ruling party's new reform agenda—led by Mubarak's son, Gamal, who is rumored set to take over from his father.

"People deal with him like he is the government—he is the one that solves their problems and defends them... God chose (him) to be in this place. Will you let the (people) down?" asked his elegant 37-year old wife, Gamila Ismail, his deputy in the al-Ghad or Tomorrow party.

His current hero status comes mostly because the regime has cracked down on him, said Wael Abdel Fatah, an Egyptian social critic.
"He became a danger when he worked in the

"He became a danger when he worked in the same ways as the reform trend within the ruling party," and began vying for their seats in the parliamentary election later this year, Abdel Fatah said.

# Sinn Fein leader urges killers to 'be men,' confess

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK
The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Sunday that the killers of a Belfast man have dragged his party and the outlawed IRA "into the dirt" and demanded that they "be men" and admit their crime.

Sinn Fein's annual conference, which ends Sunday, has been overshadowed by the Jan. 30 slaying of Robert McCartney, who was fatally beaten and stabbed by IRA members. Nobody has been charged, even though the attack began in a crowded pub.

McCartney's sisters, who live in a hard-line Catholic district of Belfast that is a power base of the IRA, have waged an exceptional public campaign highlighting the intimidation of witnesses and the killers' careful cleanup of forensic evidence.

Detectives say not a single witness has provided a statement identifying the attackers, making it impossible to bring charges. Sinn Fein, which initially criticized police efforts to identify the killers and denied IRA involvement, have been forced to change tack because of the McCartney campaign. Last week Sinn Fein suspended seven members allegedly involved, following an IRA move to

expel three of its members.

On Saturday, four of McCartney's sisters traveled to Dublin to sit in the front row of the Sinn Fein conference to hear Adams appeal for McCartney's killers to hand themselves in. He returned to the theme Sunday.

McCartney's killers "have brought the good name of (Irish) republicanism into the dirt," said Adams, whom the Irish government identifies as an IRA commander.

"Those who did the deed should come forward — should be men and should come forward and redeem themselves," he said.

However, the McCartney family said it remains unsatisfied that witnesses will come forward



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, wearing eyeglasses, sits Saturday with the sisters of Robert McCartney, Paula, left, Catherine, second right, and Donna beforeaddressing the Sinn Fein party conference in Dublin.

#### Communists expected to win in Moldovan vote

CHISINAU, Moldova — Pro-Western Communists were favored to remain in power as Moldovans voted in parliamentary elections Sunday, but the party faced a challenge from centrists who prefer closer ties with Moscow.

There are 2 a million Moldovans elicible to vote in the parliamen-

tary elections. Final results were expected Wednesday.

Opinion polls gave the Communist party of President Vladimir Voronin about 46 percent support. The party has led the country since 2001 through four years of economic growth, but Moldova remains Europe's poorest country.

#### Israel arrests 22 money laundering suspects

JERUSALEM — Israel's police have arrested 22 employes of Bank Hapoalim on suspicion they helped launder hundreds of millions of dollars, investigators said Sunday.

Police said it was one of the largest money-laundering affairs in Israel's history, involving more than 200 accounts, including some held by clients from Russia and France, at a Tel Aviv branch of the bank

Before introducing anti-money laundering legislation in 2001, Israel was considered a haven for money launderers and was on a U.S. State Department blacklist. Israel was removed from the State Department's list of non-cooperative countries in 2002 and from its monitoring list in 2003.

From The Associated Press

### Canadian lawmakers debate pot laws after four Mounties killed

BY ROB GILLIES

TORONTO — The slayings of four Mounties during a raid has added new controversy to the debate about whether Canada should decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Canada's ruling Liberal party debated its proposed law at a policy convention in Ottawa on Saturday, two days after the deadliest attack on Canadian police officers in 120 years.

The four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers were killed at an Alberta farm where there was a small marijuana growing operation. The suspect apparently killed himself. The slayings

triggered a national debate over the Liberal's proposed law and whether it goes far enough to discourage growing operations while decriminalizing possession

of small amounts of marijuana.
Under the bill, getting caught with 15 grams — about half an ounce — or less of marijuana would bring a citation akin to a traffe ticket, not a criminal record.

While possession of marijuana would remain illegal, the bill is intended to prevent young people from being saddled with a lifelong criminal record

long criminal record.

At the same time, the maximum sentence for illegal growers would be increased to 14 years in prison from the current seven, while trafficking would remain punishable by up to life in prison.

Almost 600 Liberal convention delegates at a justice workshop endorsed nonbinding resolutions that would alter the proposed bill.

They simultaneously endorsed resolutions that would see pot legalized, taxed and federally regulated — while also voting to impose mandatory minimum sentences on convicted grow operators.

But neither resolution was debated by the full convention plenary of about 2,500 delegates, meaning neither will become official party policy this weekend.

Canadian Justice Minister Irwin Cotler also said he didn't think a minimum sentence would serve as a deterrent. On Thursday, Cotler said changes to the proposed law would be considered.

### Islamic terror groups active in Germany

#### Experts: Militants using war in Iraq to recruit insurgents

The Associated Press

BERLIN - Islamic terrorist groups are becoming increasingly active in Germany, coordinating with militants across Europe to recruit fighters for the insurgency in Iraq and to supply the recruits with fake passports, money and medical supplies, security officials say

One of the best examples of the cross-continent cooperation involves an Algerian man arrested in Germany and now on trial in Italy for allegedly helping Muslims from Somalia, Egypt, Iraq and Morocco recruit some 200 militants from around Europe to fight in Iraq.

Many in Germany's Islamic communities have shown sympathy for Muslims who took part in the jihad, or holy war, in places like Chechnya or Bosnia, but authorities say since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, a growing number of sympathizers are taking an active role themselves.

'The war in Iraq has somehow mobilized this scene so that neople who before just had some sort of contact or sympathies with extremist groups now think they have to do something." Manfred Murck, deputy head of the Hamburg government agency that tracks extremists, told The Associated Press.

"It's a main topic that brings people to action that they otherwise might not have taken. In past years they were talking about jihad, but not doing any-thing," he added.

Ansar al-Islam an Iraq-based group with alleged links to al-Oaida and Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi who is leading attacks on U.S. and Iraqi security forces, has been under scrutiny for its efforts to channel money and fighters to Iraq from Germany and other European



The multicultural center in Neu-Ulm, southern Germany, was searched by police in mid-January as raids were conducted to find individuals linked to Islamic terror groups. Such groups are becoming increasingly active in Germany, using the U.S. military presence in Iraq to rally support and recruit fighters to join the insurgency.

Though most German attention immediately following al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States was on Hamburg where three of the four suicide hiiackers had lived and studied recent efforts have broadened across the country and continent.

In December, three suspected members of Ansar al-Islam were

they were plotting to assassinate interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin that month

"The Islamist scene in Germany is very well connected, and not only in Germany," a senior German intelligence official told AP. speaking on condition of anonymi-"Muslim activities are more globalist — more pan-European than Europeans are."

Murck, the Hamburg official, cited the example of Algerian Abderrazak Mahdjoub as an indication of cross-border connections at work within Ansar al-Islam. He was arrested in Hamburg in November 2003 on an Italian warrant and extradited to Milan last

In another major German case 15 suspects - some connected with Ansar al-Islam and Al-Tawhid, another terror group linked to al-Zargawi were picked up in nationwide raids in mid-January that centered on the twin southern cities of Ulm and Neu-Ulm. The suspects included nationals of Germany, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Libva and Bulgaria,

#### Madrid summit may favor tackling the causes of terrorism

By ED McCullough The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Govern-ments afflicted by extremist violence must address its causes if they hope to defeat it, not just strike back as the United States has done, say experts who will take part in a world conference on terrorism in Madrid this

Those causes include poverty, religious intolerance and fail-ures to integrate a swelling tide of immigrants

"The consensus ... is a 'soft' power approach based on pre-vention — not like the United States has in mind, but (rather) with engagement with North African Muslim nations, economic development, assimilating and integrating immigrants into host nations," Charles Powell, a history professor at San Pablo-CEU University in

Madrid, said in an interview. The conference, which runs from Tuesday to Friday, brings together world leaders includ-

ing U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and various heads of government or state, as well as about 180 experts from 50 countries. Annan is to deliver a major statement on terrorism on Thursday.

Discussions the first two days will focus on political, econo ic, religious and cultural explanations of terrorism, and appropriate police, intelligence and

military responses. Russia is sending the head of its national security council, Igor Ivanov, to the conference while Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will represent the United States. The latter is a last-minute upgrade by U.S. officials who apparently worried the conference might harshly criticize President Bush for poli cies including the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The general tone of the conference will not be at all sympa-thetic to what the Bush administration has been up to," Powell

### London's former police chief warns Britain of terror threat

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By MICHAEL McDONOUGH

The Associated Press

LONDON - The recently retired head of London's police force said in a newspaper article published Sunday that at least 100 terrorists trained by Osama bin Laden are at large in Britain.

Sir John Stevens also said threat justified tough anti-terror proposals, including placing suspects under house arrest without charge, that the government is struggling to get through Parliament.

"As you read this, there are least 100 Osama Laden-trained terrorists walking Britain's streets," Stevens wrote in the News of the World weekly. "The number is probably nearer 200 ... the cunning of al-Oaida means we can't be

"But they would all commit devastating terror attacks against us if they could, even those born and brought up

here," added Stevens, who retired as head of the Metropolitan Police last month. Prime Minister Tony Blair's government wants

the new Prevention of Terrorism Bill to include the power to order sweeping controls on terror suspects, including house arrest, electronic tagging and bans on using the Internet and telephone.

Critics say the bill would undermine civil rights. But Stevens said it was "vital" that lawmakers approve the new legislation, which is being rushed through Parliament to replace anti-terror laws that Britain's highest court denounced on human rights

grounds. "For the safety of the vast 44 For the safety of the majority, occasionally we will have to accept the infringement of the human rights of high-risk individuals," Stevens occasionally we will wrote

He said opponents of the bill underestimated the terrorist threat, and he rejected comparisons between al-Qaida terrorists and the IRA, which waged a bombing campaign in Britain high-risk individuals. throughout much of the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s.

"I've heard opposing politicians say: 'We didn't need these new measures to fight the IRA when they were bombing our cities.

"The difference is that no [IRA member] ever

Sir John Stevens Former head of London Metropolitan Police

> strapped a bomb to their body, walked into somewhere like Trafalgar Square and blew themselves and 100 innocent passers-by to smithereens," he



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#### Chinese lawmakers want to quiet lip-synching

BEIJING - Chinese government advisers meeting in Beijing this week have some weighty matters to discuss: blocking Taiwan's formal independence, alleviating dire poverty in the countryside And lip-synching

Ma Bomin, an official with Shanghai's municipal radio, film and television administration, likens the practice of performers pretending to sing to selling fake goods. She wants to pass a law making it a crime for a performer to do so without first notifying audience mem-

"Fake singing is no different from trading in fakes. It should be resolutely boycotted and shunned," Ma was quoted as saying in Saturday's Beijing News.

The law follows a campaign by Chinese rock star and artists' rights advocate Cui Jian to mobilize fans to boycott lip-synching artists. The practice is believed to be widespread in China, encouraged by a state-sponsored arts scene that churns out cookie-cutter performers with little real talent.

#### Japan's first Magley train hits the rails

TOKYO - Japan's first commercially operating magnetic-levitation train, or Magley, opened for business Sunday, carrying passengers along a 5.5-mile track that will serve as one of the main links to the 2005 World Fair.

The linear motor car, or Linimo, departed Banpaku Yakusa station near the central Japanese city of Nagoya at 5:30 a.m., Aichi pre-fectural government official Yukihiro Nakano said.

The train, which cost an estimated \$190 million, resembles other Japanese lines in appearance except that it has no wheels and travels on an electromagnetic cushion several inches above its tracks.

#### Bus-tram collision kills two children in Austria

VIENNA, Austria - A collision involving a shopping mall shuttle bus and a public transportation tram in Vienna killed two children and injured 17 people, police said Sunday

A 4-year-old and a 16-year-old died in the accident Saturday evening, and a 15-year-old suffered a severe skull fracture, police said in a statement

The others injured in the accident were treated for lesser, unspecified injuries, the Austria Press Agency reported, citing authorities. At least five of them were in the tram, which collided with the bus in the Floridsdorf district in the northern part of the city

From The Associated Press



World Championship Tour surfers and locals surfers ride on the world's longest surfboard to set an unofficial Guinness World Record in Australia's Gold Coast on Saturday. The record attempt is part of the "Tsunamirun." a charity set up to raise funds for tsunami victims

### **Dude, that's a big surfboard**

#### More than 40 surfers ride wave into the record books

CANBERRA, Australia - More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, arrived by semitrailer.

More than 20 people carried it to the surf. The riders at the Queensland state tourist city Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro surf competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny

Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the monthlong effort to build the board.
"It was the best four minutes of my surfing life. It went in strong and straight," Hyman told Queensland's The Sunday Mail newspaper.
The board that set the 2003 record was 36 feet

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#### IN THE STATES

### Crackdown on steroid use exhorted at Arnold Classic

BY ERICA WERNER

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Saturday he has urged bodybuilding officials to crack down on steroid use and suggested calling a summit of the sport's leaders to discuss the prob-

iem. Schwarzenegger, who admits using steroids on the way to seven Mr. Olympia titles, also said he would put pressure on two bodybuilding magazines where he is executive editor to become involved in the effort.

"We have to step up the testing procedures, and find other ways, and be more aggressive with it," Schwarzenegger said at the Arnold Classic, the annual bodybuilding contest that bears his name.

He said he suggested the summit and discussed the problem earlier Saturday with editors at the magazines Flex and Muscle & Fitness, as well as officials of the International Federation of Bodybuilding.

"Let's talk again about it and really think what else could we do," Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger also recommended changing the way

bodybuilding is judged so that demonstration and display count more than muscle size. Experts on bodybuilding and steroids say steroid use is common among elite bodybuilders. Athletes are not

tested at events, and experts say the IFBB's random testing is inadequate and ineffective.

Last year, Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill that would

have created a list of banned substances for interscholas-



Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks Saturday to a group of gymnasts during the Arnold Classic in Columbus. Ohio.

tic sports and required coaches to take a course on performance-enhancing supplements because he said it was too vague in defining supplements.

Schwarzenegger reiterated Saturday that he would sign a bill that made sense, but also suggested no new laws are needed.

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"It has nothing to do with that we don't have enough laws, because we already have a very solid and sound law that says you're not allowed to take illegal drugs,"

law that says you're not allowed to take illegal drugs," the Republican governor said.

Democrats have criticized the governor for sending mixed signals about steroids. While saying he opposes drug use now, Schwarzenegger also said in a recent tele-

vision interview that he does not regret using steroids in the 1970s because they were not illegal then. Other critics have said his continued attendance at the Arnold Classic, where some of the athletes may be on ste-

roids, sends the wrong message.

At least one bodybuilder in this year's competition has admitted using steroids; another spent time in jail for a steroid-related offense. Last year, federal agents investi-

gating steroids served grand jury subpoenas at the Arnold Classic.

The Arnold Fitness Weekend began as a bodybuilding contest but now includes 20 different sports, with 14,000 athletes competing this weekend. It is expected to draw

100,000 visitors this year.

The centerpiece event remains the Arnold Classic bodybuilding contest, in which Schwarzenegger maintains an undisclosed financial stake. He helped found the

#### Dolphins beaching followed sub exercise

KEY WEST, Fla — Navy and marine wildlife experts are investigating whether the beaching of dozens of dolphins in the Florida Keys followed the use of sonar by a submarine on a training exercise off the coast.

More than 20 rough-toothed dolphins have died since Wednesday's beaching by about 70 of the marine mammals, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary spokeswoman

Cheva Heck said Saturday.

A day before the dolphins swam ashore, the Groton, Conn-based USS Philadelphia had conducted exercises with Navy SEALs off Key West, about 45 miles from Marathon, where the dolphins became stranded.

Some scientists surmise that loud bursts of sonar may cause marine mammals to surface too quickly and suffer the equivalent of what divers know as the bends.

"This is absolutely high priority," said Lt. Cdr. Jensin Sommer, spokesyoman for Norfolk, Va-based Naval Submarine Forces. "We want to be good stewards of the environment, and any time there are strandings of marine mammals, we look into the operations and locations of any ships that might have been operating in that area."

#### Bono candidate for World Bank president

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow on Sunday would not rule out the idea of frish singer Bono, an activist on debt relief and AIDS, making the short list of potential candidates to lead the World Bank even though an American is expected to get the igh

is expected to get the job.

"He's somehody I admire." Snow said. "Most people know him as a rock star. He's in a way a rock star of the development world, too. He understands the give-and-take of development. He's a very pragmatic, effective and idealistic person, "said Snow who is part of a US. team working on finding a successor to James Wolfensohn, who is stepping down as head of the development bank on June 1. The United States is the World Bank's largest member nation. The bank traditionally has had an American president.

#### Support sought for Social Security changes

WASHINGTON — The White House appealed Sunday for bipartisan cooperation to overhaul Social Security, while Democrats vowed to fight unless the president is willing to change his plan to cut guaranteed benefits.

President Bush plans to travel across the country this week as part of his 60-day push to persuade the public to support personal retirement accounts. The president's plan would allow workers under age 55 to divert up to 4 percentage points of their Social Security taxes into private stock and bond investment accounts in exchange for lower guaranteed future benefits.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said that while polls show most Americans don't like the idea, most of the opposition is coming from people over 55 who won't be affected by it.

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### More youths sought for Selma marches

BY SAMIRA JAFARI

The Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Barbershop owner Floyd Tolbert has marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge each year for nearly four decades in the annual celebration of the bloodied pilgrimage of 1965 that was a milestone in the voting rights movement.

But as some of the original marchers have grown too old to take part and others have died, not enough young people have the passion to take their places, he said. "Older folks try to keep marching, but the younger people aren't getting into it," Tolbert said. March veterans and organizers want Sunday's

March veterans and organizers want Sunday's 40th anniversary events to feel relevant to young people who were born long after the "Bloody Sunday" attack by club-wielding troopers and sheriff's deputies, who drove the marchers back over the bridge into Selma.

This year's event was to feature appearances by the ficial tour band of "American Idol" star Ruben Studdard and rapper Lil Scrappy and R&B singer Syleena Johnson. Organizers at the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute planned a "Hip-Hop/Civil Rights Summit."

"I think we have to help them see that their future is at stake," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and joined him on the five-day march all the way to Montgomery in 1965.

But some are concerned the event has become too commercial, diluting the meaning of the protest that



Selma, Ala., barbershop owner Floyd Tolbert stands Thursday by the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Tolbert has marched across the bridge every March since 1966 during the "Bloody Sunday" remembrance. He panned to be there again Sunday.

inspired passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. "It's turned into an event to see the next big rap artist," said Michelle Pullom, 29. "I have a 12-year-old daughter and whether she wants to go is a question of who's there."

Among those leading Sunday's anniversary march will be Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga, who was clubbed to the ground on Bloody Sunday. He will be joined by other members of Congress, celebrities including Harry Belafonte, who marched in 1965, scores of activists and others.

At least some youths remained mindful of the reason for the occasion. "Tm going to all of it," said 22-year-old Tim Vickers, a student at Concordia College in Selma. "It's a big deal. By them getting voting rights, they changed the whole world."

### Study-abroad program ended to protest Spain's Iraq policy

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. - Leaders of two community colleges in southern California have ended their schools' study-abroad program in Spain, citing the country's troop withdrawal from Iraq.

The trustees of the South Orange County Commu-nity College District, that includes Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College, voted 5-2 last week to cancel the 14-year-old summer program.

"Spain has abandoned our fighting men and women, withdrawing their support," said trustee Tom Fuentes. "I see no reason to send students of our colleges to Spain at this moment in history."

Spain's new Socialist government, which came to power in elections held days after the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people in March 2004, fulfilled an election promise to pull 1,300 Spanish troops from Iraq last year

The decision by Spain's former conservative government to send troops to Iraq had been deeply unpopular in the country.

Orange County, said the Madrid train attack also raised concerns about student safety. The district serves nearly 35,000 students.

Although students were allowed to visit Spain three months after the bombings, Fuentes said "the terrorist situation is all the more prevalent and obvious today.'

Trustees also cited the program's expense and po-tential liability to the school district, although they approved a trip to Italy with higher daily costs.

"I'm still in shock," said Professor Carmenmara Hernandez-Bravo, who runs the study-abroad program. "I cannot believe a community college can put this much politics into academics.

Hernandez-Bravo plans to send videotapes of the trustees' meeting to the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles, the U.S. ambassador in Spain and the Spanish ambassador in Washington. She hopes officials will respond with letters trying to persuade the trustees the country is safe so they'll change their minds.



This Petco pet supplies store in Eatontown, N.J., was damaged by an explosion on Friday. Authorities investigating the cause were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been marked.

### Cause of N.J. pet store explosion still unknown

BY CHRIS NEWMARKER The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - State inves tigators worked Saturday to determine what caused an explosion that leveled part of a pet store, injured five workers and apparently killed an unknown number of

birds, reptiles and other animals. Authorities were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been properly arked, but state Board of Public Utilities spokeswoman Gloria Mon-

tealegre said it was too early to say faith-based community program exactly what caused the blast. (which offers federal money to Much of the roof and floor of the Petco store in Eatontown collapsed into the basement Friday.

Rits of shattered glass were strewn more than 50 yards from the store. Four people remained hospitalized Saturday, two in critical condition, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. The fifth was re-

leased after treatment.

The explosion occurred as employees were evacuating customers and animals after construction workers damaged an unmarked gas line outside the store

Underwood, spokesman for San Diego-based Petco Animal Sup-

Volunteers with the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals worked until midnight to rescue about 25 parrots and parakeets whose cages had fallen into unstable areas of basement. Rescue workers built ramps into the basement to help with the effort. No more rescues were conducted Saturday.

More than 100 small animals including guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice and rats also were rescued, and buckets of fish were taken to nearby Petco stores in Woodbridge and Edison. Many other animals were believed to have been killed.

A representative of Long Branch-based J.F. Kiely Con of Long struction Co. had contacted the state's One Call hot line before digging as required by law, said John M. Kiely, the company's sec-

retary and treasurer. The state's One Call system notifies utilities of impending work so they can mark the location of ninelines.

### More blacks turn to GOP as moral issues come into play D-Mass., was far narrower than expected.

By DICK POLMAN Knight Ridder Newspapers

To understand why President Bush and the Republicans are black community, consider these remarks by Bishop Harry Jackson Jr., senior pastor of a 2,500member church in College Park. Md.: "I'm a registered Democrat,

and I didn't vote for Bush in 2000, but now I'm a vehement supporter. Look at the moral issues "The Democrats are

being held hostage their gay-rights agenda They ignored black issues until the last weeks of the campaign. ... So I'm work-ing with the Republicans now. And if the president follows through on reaching out to us, then more of the masses in the

churches will be open to the Republicans in national elections. Nervous Democrats fear Jackson may be right. Blacks have been loyal to the party since the civil-rights era, but Bush and the Republicans are now poised to grab a significant slice of that electorate. If they can draw 20 percent of the black vote in pivotal states with large urban populations — an achievable goal - the Democrats would face serious hurdles in future presidential races.

The warning signs were obvious in November. Bush won only 11 percent of the black vote nationwide, but that figure is mis-

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Bishop Harry Jackson Jr.

He drew 16 percent in pivotal Ohio, nearly doubling his 2000

Without the bigger black vote. he would have eked out a slim victory, narrow enough for a Democratic court challenge. Bush also drew 16 percent of the black vote in Pennsylvania, up from 7 percent in 2000, and that's one reason his loss to Sen. John Kerry, churches, black colleges, black usiness groups - and promoting not only their conservative social agenda (which attracts many black churchgoers), but also their

Today, Bush and the GOP are

networking on all fronts - black

pastors) and their bid to partially privatize Social Security (which posits the argument that blacks, on average, don't live long enough to fully reap the benefits of traditional Social Security).

Democrats are voicing dismay about GOP-black flirtations. these

Julianne Malveaux, a black Democratic activist, said her party "ought to be concerned, because, by and large, we have taken the African-American vote for granted. The Republicans have gotten to a lot of these ministers, and they preach to large congregations every week. Demo-crats will have to fight for those

#### 9 suspended for 'burn baby burn' comments

AUSTIN, Texas - Five police officers and four dispatchers were suspended for sending computer messages after a nightclub caught fire joking about the blaze and quoting a line from the song "Disco Inferno" — "burn baby burn.

Witnesses at the Midtown Live club saw the "burn baby burn" message on the computer screen inside an officer's patrol car during the Feb. 18 fire. Police Chief Stan Knee said a commander and corporal who responded to the scene worked to calm angry witnes

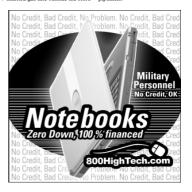
The club has a mostly black clientele, and there were suggestions after the fire that the messages revealed racial bias in the department.

Documents released Friday indicate that after hearing a transmission about the fire, Officer John Lengefeld sent a message from his patrol car to fellow officer Josue Martinez that said "burn baby

Martinez replied that he was laughing, and Those were my exact thoughts." Other officers chimed in with more than two hours of messages.

Among those receiving 15-day unpaid suspensions was dispatcher Susan Negron, who wrote, "I have some extra gasoline if they need it," according to the documents, and "My nite is made. I just had a lady ask me if it was burning. I said yep. She was upset. I was enthralled."

Knee called the messages "inappropriate the suspended dispatchers and officers said they regretted their actions and that their messages were intended as jokes. A sixth officer received a written reprimand. Knee said a sergeant and an additional dispatcher remain under investigation



### **Stewart's image** comes full circle

#### Domestic queen's prison term boosted her appeal, company

BY JIM FITZGERALD The Associated Pres

NEW YORK - At trial, she came off as Mean Martha: rude, demanding, cheap, the kind of person who would threaten to pull her business from a brokerage because she didn't like the music she heard when her call was on hold.

Then she went to prison and turned into St. Martha: advocate for the oppressed, friend to the lonely and forager for wild greens to spice up the jailhouse food. And on Friday, her first day outside the lockup, she waved graciously, chatted amiably and served hot cocoa to the press

The transformation of Martha Stewart's image dates to five months ago, when she called a news conference to announce she

was reporting to prison early, despite a pending legal appeal.

Wearing a white suit against a backdrop of color swatches. Stew art projected a change in attitude that has helped repair her repu-

tation and propel her company forward again.

Indeed, stock prices for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which had lagged, quickly doubled. And as she worked off time in a West Virginia prison, scrubbing floors and picking dandelion greens, she found herself popular enough to be given starring roles in two upcoming TV shows.

rotes in two upcoming Iv snow.
"The thing about Americans is we like throwing you to the ground, and making you cry uncle," image consultant Eric Dezen-hall said. "But if you do cry uncle we'll let you up." Stewart's tasteful, if chilly, image had taken a beating in trial testimony. Jurors laughed when Douglas Faneuil, an assistant to Stew-

art's stockbroker, told the court she went into a tirade when she was put on hold, complaining about how bad the music was and threatening to leave if it wasn't changed.

The daily news coverage of her entering the courthouse, accompanied by details about her pricey handbags or stylish heels. didn't help.

When she was sentenced in July, a still-unrepentant Stewart said her "small personal matter" had become "an almost fatal cir-cus event of unprecedented proportions." She also took the opportunity to boldly pitch her products and her magazine.

This was not the prim, proper and controlled Martha Stev who had amassed a billion-dollar domestic empire by being adored as an expert tastemaker in millions of homes around the country.

Then, on Sept. 15. Stewart asked the judge to start her sentence as soon as passible. She lamented she would miss her dogs and her horses, her cats and her canaries, and wanted to be home in time to plant a spring garden.

And she came closer than ever to contrition, saying she wanted



Martha Stewart waves as she walks at her home in Katonah, N.Y., on Saturday. Stewart, who landed two new TV shows while in jail, will spend the next five months on house arrest after completing a five-month prison term last week in Alderson, W.Va.

to end the "immense difficulty, immense sacrifice and immense agony" the ordeal had caused those close to her.

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was fingerprinted and weeks later, Stewart strip-searched at the federal prison in Alderson, W.Va., 44 The thing about Americans is we like then assigned a bunk bed in a building with 60 inmates and two showers. throwing you to the ground, and

On Thursday, she paid for a flatbed truck that would give photographers a better view of her departure from West Vir-ginia, the airport manager said. And on Friday, back at her estate in New York, Stew-

art barely waited for the sun to come up before delighting the encamped reporters and photographers by appearing outside. The topper was when she sent out

"Whatever she did, it doesn't rank with Enron," ESP investment club member Maggie Klein, said, "I guess I'm in the camp where I think they just picked on her."

Associated Press writer Frin McClam contributed to this report

Fric Dezenhall

image consultant

### As he leaves anchor chair. Rather vows loyalty to CBS

NEW YORK - Despite the stink of Memogate, the nasty shots from colleagues, and the indignity of relinquishing his an-chor chair a year before he had planned, Dan Rather still pledges allegiance to CBS.

"For better or worse, I love this place and the people in it," he says in an inter-view. "I am loyal to it, without apology."

Rather, 73, ends his unprecedented 24-year run as anchor and managing editor of "CBS Evening News" on Wednesday. Friend and fellow Texan Bob Schieffer, 68, takes over the third-place newscast Thurs day on an interim basis

"I want to italicize, underscore, put in all capital letters, that I am not retiring. I am changing jobs," says Rather, who joins "60 Minutes Wednesday" as full-time corre-

Rather has been wounded by outsiders throughout his 43 years at CBS, but his own coworkers hurt him last week

In a devastating profile by Ken Auletta in the March 7 issue of the New Yorker. CBS's Walter Cronkite, Mike Wallace and Don Hewitt said that Rather was stiff and hard to watch and that they preferred the competition.Wallace now regrets his state-

ments and has apologized to Rather It's no secret that Rather wanted his finale to be March 9, 2006 - exactly 25 years

after he succeeded Cronkite. But CBS pressured Rather in the fall to move up the date when its appointed independent panel began investigating the memo about President Bush's National Guard service, several high-ranking network executives say.



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### After 30 years, can BTK killings suspect get a fair trial?

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. - As the case of the man accused of being the BTK serial killer moves through the legal system, one issue is sure to come up: Can Dennis Rader get a fair trial in a city shaken by



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the killings for three decades? Rader was charged Tuesday with 10 counts of first-degree murder and is being held on a \$10 million bond for the "Bind, Torture, Kill" murders beginning in 1974.

His three public defenders did not return telephone calls seeking comment, but one of Rader's attorneys also told a local television station that he planned to seek a competency hearing.

Experts say the attorneys are also likely to file a motion requesting the trial be moved out of Wichita, where media coverage has

been intense Rader's arrest was jubilantly announced before the families of the BTK victims in a televised news conference in which Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams set off applause by declaring: "The bot-

tom line: RTK is arrested

"It would be hard for anybody to

get a fair trial if it is preceded by an hour-long publicly broadcast infomercial about law enforcement opinions about the accused's guilt," said Wichita attorney Dan



perts say any change-of-ve nue request is unlikely to gain much traction. The tactic has not worked other high-profile

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such as the trial of Jonathan and Reginald Carr, two brothers convicted in a crime spree that left five Wichita residents dead.

"I don't recall a case ever having a change of venue here," said Jay Greeno, the attorney who represented Reginald Carr in that case.

A competency hearing, meanwhile would determine whether Rader is able to understand what is happening and be able to assist in his defense.

Rader's preliminary hearing has been set for March 15, although the district attorney's office said it expects the hearing to

If there is a trial, one issue that's likely to come up is the quality of the DNA from 30-year-old crime scenes

"The samples that were taken were collected before DNA evidence was being used," Greeno said. "You have to look at the possibility of degradation of samples. the possibility of cross contamina-

### Polygamy meeting draws divided town

BY TRAVIS REED

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Attorneys general of Utah and Arizona told a two-state town hall meeting that they would not target polygamists solely for practicing plural

However, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard told the crowd of about 350 Thursday night that they would pursue criminal charges against those involved in forced or underage marriages, sexual abuse and welfare and tax fraud.

That drew an angry reaction from polygamy opponents, who said the practice is against the law and the law should be enforced.

The meeting drew both polygamous families and those who oppose the practice. Some were in suits and ties, others in the pi-

### Utah, Arizona attorneys general will not target those practicing plural marriage

oneer-like dresses and elaborate braids

Polygamists contend they have a First Amendment right to practice plural marriage because it's part of their religion. They also claim they've been unfairly targeted by prosecutors because they're different.

"It's never been about religion, but we certainly won't sit back and let people commit crimes," Shurtleff said.

Goddard said work still needs to be done in "breaking down decades of suspicion that have existed" between those who believe polygamy is the height of religious exhalation and those in the law enforcement communities and beyond.

"Many victims tell us that they're afraid to speak out. They're afraid of being shunned by their communities, or worse," he said.

The meeting was about 50 miles from the twin border towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., which are dominated by the several-thousand member Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — one of the largest polygamous sects.

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The two officials said that since a similar meeting about 1½ years ago, their states have enhanced law enforcement, child welfare and victims' rights support in the communities — but both conceded that their work was far from done.

Some at the meeting told the officials they needed to stop prosecuting polygamy or treat it as a misdemeanor, drawing broad applause.

"Believe it or not there's a lot of happy women, and there are a lot of them here today," said one woman who took one of the two-minute turns to speak in favor of

The two officials implored those in the audience to report abuse and cooperate with authorities to stop it — often a tall order in towns like Hildale and Colorado City, where members live in seclusion and distrust those on the outside.

Polygamy was once a tenet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but it was abandoned a century ago as a condition of statehood, and the church now excommunicates those who advocate it. Still, it's believed that tens of thousands across the West continue to practice it.



Airborne, an effervescent tablet for cold sufferers containing Chinese herbs, vitamins and echinacea, sits next to mainstream drugs at a Walgreens drugstore recently in Chicago.

### Herbal remedies starting to fit in

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Standing inside a downtown Chicago chain drugstore, shopper Beth McClanahan considered the product Zicam.

"I wouldn't have known it was homeopathic," she said looking at the bright orange label. "The name Zicam sounds very scientific."

Stuffy noses and sore throats are driving many cold sufferers to herbal and homeopathic remedies. But like McClanahan, consumers may not realize they're buying alternative medicines when they choose wildly popular products such as Airborne and Zicam — both shelved alongside traditional of the control of t

The makers of both medicines have paid for their own clinical studies to test their products. But Airborne and Zicam have not been reviewed for safety and effectiveness by the Food and Drug Administration, unlike prescription and new over-the-counter drugs. The law allows their sale unless the FDA proves them harmful.

That concerns some experts.

"I think it's quite confusing for consumers to try to sort out which things have some data showing they actually work," said Dr. Ronald B. Turner, a cold virus expert at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlotterrille.

Zicam and other homeopathic products do say on their packaging that they are homeopathic. Zicam, which contains a small amount of zine, is the nation's third leading nasal spray. Airborne — pluged on Oprah Winfrey's show last fall — is an effervescent tablet containing Chinese herbs, vitamins and echinacea. Its label notes that the FDA has not reviewed its language saying it should be taken at the first sign of cold symptoms.

For drugstore operators, it makes sense to place the remedies where consumers can find them quickly. For the manufacturers, marketing to a wider audience means more sales. For cold sufferers, the distinction between what's conventional and what's alternative may not be as important as what they believe works.

"There's a reason for the success of these products. Consumers want them and they're effective," said Rider Mc-Dowell, co-founder of the company that created Airborne, an herbal supplement that's a best seller at stores like Walgreens, Osco and CVS Pharmacy.

Last month, the Institute of Medicine, citing the popularity of dietary supplements, called for tougher rules to make sure they're safe and effective.

Steven Dentali of the American Herbal Products Association says his group wants new safety requirements such as mandatory reporting of adverse side effects.

"We think our safety record's going to look pretty good," he said, especially compared with a few prescription drugs.

### Breast-feeding advocates try to target the bottle

By Jan Jarvis

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas — Supporters of breast-feeding have a new target in their battle against the bottle.

They're making a move against formula manufacturers' longstanding practice of providing diaper bags with samples of their product to hospitals. The bags have practically become a rite of passage for new mothers.

Bills have been introduced in both houses of the Texas Legislature that would ban health-care providers from passing out free formula to new mothers. Supporters of breast-feeding say that giving a new mother a diaper bag filled with formula sends a contradictory message.

"That's like telling someone who had a heart attack that they should eat healthy food, but in case you can't, here's some McDonald's coupons," said Marianne Baker-Bolduc, chairwoman of the Legislative Committee of the Central Texas Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, a nonprofit organization.

The legislation was introduced by Sen. Leticia Van De Putte and Rep. Ruth McClendon.

It's meant "to stop formula companies from using health-care providers to advertise to a really vulnerable population." Baker-Bolduc said.

There likely will be some exceptions to the ban. Hospilats would be allowed to provide formula when it is medically necessary, said Jenne Gonsales Garza, legislative assistant for Van De Putte. Another exception would see to allow the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women with Infant Children to provide formula to low-income families.

Although the formula makers are expected to lobby against the bill, they haven't mobilized. Last month the American Academy of Pediatrics up-

Last month the American Academy of Pediatrics updated its 1997 policy to recommend mother's milk exclusively for the first six months of life.

It is advice that many women aren't following.

Although 67 percent of women are breast-feeding when they take their baby home from the hospital, by the time the child is six months old only 29 percent of mothers are still breast-feeding, according to Denise Rice, a Dallas registered nurse lactation consultant.

To encourage breast-feeding, health care providers are creating educational programs based on the Baby Friendly Hospital promotion, developed by the World Trade Organization and the United Nations International Children's Education Fund. To earn the designation, hospitals must bean advertising of breast milk substitutes, free samples, and gifts to health workers. They train staff to assist women.

Only 44 hospitals nationwide have received the designation, none of them in Texas.

#### **FACES**

#### Janet Jackson seeks restraining order

Janet Jackson is seeking a restraining order against a man she says has been stalking her for nine years and

tried once to bring a box cutter and knife to a New York studio where she was rehearsing for a TV appear-

The U.S. pop singer said in a motion filed Tuesday in Superior Court that she has become increasingly frightened of Robert Gardner, 46, of New York, since he was stopped by security guards as he tried to enter the rehearsal for NBC network's "Saturday Night Live" in April.

She is also seeking to restrict Gardner from contacting her family, as well as current and former employees. A hearing on her request for a

preliminary injunction was set for March 17

Jackson said in her affidavit that Gardner had been contacting her since 1996 and has faved her several letters

"These faxes reference a fabricated personal history between myself and Mr. Gardner, request that I meet with him and include his detailed travel plans," she said.

#### Chesney cancels tour dates due to injury

Kenny Chesney has canceled the opening weekend of his "Somewhere in the Sun" tour after tearing ligaments in his right ankle.

The country singer said Thursday he fell on a staircase and will re schedule March 9-13 concerts — ir Green Bay, Wis., Fargo, N.D., and St. Paul, Minn. - for later in the month. "I know the fans in Green Bay,

Fargo and St. Paul are gonna be dis-appointed," Chesney said in a state-ment posted on his Web site.

"But they're not half as disappointed as I am about not being there."
Chesney said his ankle "looks like
a softball." Dr. Burton Elrod said in

the statement that Chesney will have to undergo extensive rehabilitation

"He's going to play sore — with his ankle taped or with a brace under his boot, but he's like an athlete who can perform with some pain.

#### Living like Martha Stewart for a day

Now HERE'S a good excuse for working at home. Deborah Norville was scheduled to anchor Monday's program of "Inside Edition" from her home on Long Island, N.Y., to try to give viewers a taste of what Martha Stewart's home confinement is like.

Norville will be fitted with the same type of ankle bracelet that is being used to monitor Stewart's location now

that she has been released from prison Over a 24-hour period, Norville will keep a record of everything she does and report on what the experience is

"Inside Edition," a syndicated newsmagazine, airs

#### Backstreet is back, again

Backstreet's back. Again.

Backstreet Boys, the boy band who demanded "I Want It That Way," have announced a set of tour dates starting March 21 in New York.

They won't play Madison Square Garden this time around — or any of their previous gigantic arena hotspots. The Boys' 13-city tour is a club-only affair, stopping at such intimate venues as the State Theatre in De-troit and the 9:30 Club in Washington.

According to their label, Jive Records, they will perform all their hits plus a few songs from their upcoming

The Backstreet Boys, who debuted in 1997, are putting the finishing touches on a forthcoming as-yet-untitled album, their first original outing since 2000's "Black and





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Gavin Rossdale

By BARRY KOLTNOW

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

LOS ANGELES irector Francis Lawrence was on the phone, and Gavin Rossdale was convinced that it was bad

The former lead singer of the British rock group Bush figured that the director was calling to inform Rossdale that his small but important role as a nasty demon in the supernatural thriller "Constantine" had been cut. This already had happened to him on another movie, and Rossdale expected the worst.

asked to speak to the singer's wife, pop star Gwen Stefani,

As it turned out, he need not have worried Lawrence wasn't even calling for Rossdale. The director

whom Lawrence had just directed in a music video for her hit single "What You Waiting For? "It was a little embarrassing," the -year-old Rossdale said of the phone

call. "I immediately said, 'You didn't cut me out of the movie, did you?" "Francis laughed and told me that he actually had added a couple of

scenes. Then he asked to talk to Gwen The handsome Londoner said he

had good reason to be paranoid. His first film experience, "Little Black Book," was a disaster.

"They showed it to a couple of test audiences and the ending depressed them. That was my only scene in the movie and it ended up on the editing room floor.

Rossdale, who left Bush after six albums and will release a solo effort in July with his new band Institute, has another film scheduled for a May release. In "The Game of Our Lives," he plays a soccer player on the 1950s era English national team that lost to the Americans.

In his Los Angeles hotel suite, Rossdale discussed his first movie junket and his budding film career, including his role in "Constantine," which stars Keanu Reeves as a human who battles Satan and an army of demons to earn his way into heaven.

0: What's a stranger experience - stage-diving into a crowd of 15,000 fans or these press interviews?

A: Well, I'm more at home diving from the stage into a crowd of kids, but what I really enjoy about this press junket is being surrounded by people who want to ask me questions about the movie. It's a relief to finally be able to dis-cuss the film with people who have seen it. Until now, I've been walking around at home raving about the movie but nobody knows what I'm talking about.

Q: So, you're actually enjoying these days of answering endless questions?

A: I really am.

O: Has there been a highlight?

A: I really liked sitting in a room discussing the movie with eight priests.

Q: Were they journalists?

A: I suppose they write for church publications. Q: And what was their reaction to the movie?

A: They were very receptive. They seemed intrigued as

to how much of the devil I see in myself. O: How serious are you about this acting career?

A: Really serious. That's why I've waited so patiently to find the right film to work on. Q: What was it about the role of Balthazar that appealed

to you? A: I just loved the words. They were so delicious

Q: You have a new album coming out soon. Where does

acting fit in with the music career? A: A great role model for me has always been Tom

Waits. He has had a great career of making wonderful records and then popping up in a film somewhere. The hardest thing to do in a show business career is to surprise people, and he always surprises people.

Q: But Tom Waits always did these small, quirky roles in films. Isn't your goal to be the guy who stars in the movie?

A: If you're asking me if I'd like for them to hold the camera on me a while longer. I suppose the answer is yes. But sharing the screen with people like Keanu Reeves is a great learning experience for me right now, and I don't know what the future holds.

Q: So, at the unemployment office, you still write "musician" on the line that says: "Occupation?" A: Musician/struggling actor.

Q: Emotionally, what is a bigger

high - acting or music?

musician actor A: Emotionally, there is something about writing music so music will always be my first love And there is great satisfaction in making something work

on screen. I hope I will be able to combine the two. Q: Where do you think you are in your acting career?

A: I am probably the least experienced person on any

movie set.

Q: How do you deal with that?

A: I try to be the first person in the pool at the start of the day, and the last person out of the pool at the end of the day. I want to learn everything I can.

Q: And how is that working for you?

A: The only indication that it might be working came from the director one day on the set. Keanu and I are supposed to hate each other in this movie because I'm his nemesis, and that chemistry is important for the scenes to work. After one particular scene, Francis came over to me and said: "I think Keanu really hates you." I'm pretty sure that was a compliment.

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#### Men hit by train

MD ROCKVILLE — An Amtrak train struck and killed one man and seriously injured another just outside Washington at the height of the evening commuter rush. The men were walking

along the tracks behind a shopping center when they were hit, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringer said.

No one aboard the Chicago-bound Capital Limited train was injured. Amtrak spokeswoman Sarah Swain said.

Authorities identified the dead man as Raymond Whitley, 25, of Rockville. Keon Kelly, 23, also of Rockville, was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

#### 'Frozen Dead Guy' fun

BOULDER — Over the last three years, the cryogenically frozen body of a Norwegian man has become the centerpoint of a quirky winter festival in a small Colorado mining town.

"Grandna" Bredo Morstoel who died in 1989, was frozen by his grandson and stored in a shed in Nederland, a town 35 miles northwest of Denver that began celebrating "Frozen Dead Guy Days" in 2002 to increase tourism.

Now the man's daughter, 75-year-old Aud Morstoel, is hoping Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja will help her secure a to attend the festival. The royal couple also have been invited by Nederland's Chamber of Commerce to visit and "partake in the fun and parody of the weekend.'

#### Theft plans gummed up

KNOXVILLE - Three people pleaded guilty to fishing money out of donation boxes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by using a wire clothes hanger with sticky chewing gum on one end

Brian Keith Seal, 34: Liza Nicole Vanderpool-Chavez, 33, and Jerry L. Carter, 44, could get up to a year in federal prison at sentencing June 10 for misdemeanor theft.

Authorities said the three stole less than \$1,000 from the donation boxes, which were set up by a nonprofit group for maintenance and education projects at the park, which straddles the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

A nark visitor reported seeing people acting suspiciously in a car stopped near a donation box last July. A ranger stopped the car and found dozens of sticky \$1 and \$5 hills and a straightened-out wire hanger with goo on the end

#### Judge caught with knife

PA HARRISBURG — A state Supreme Court justice said he paid a \$750 federal fine for trying to sneak a pocketknife on board an airplane last month.



#### Large tree lawsuit CA SACRAMENTO -

California's attorney general sued the Bush administration over its manage-ment plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument. home to two-thirds of the world's largest trees.

The federal plan adopted in December would illegally allow com mercial logging in the 327,769-acre central California preserve, the suit alleges.

The plan also violates former President Clinton's April 2000 proclamation creating the reserve outh of Sequoia National Park, which bans logging unless it is "clearly needed" for public or environmental protection, the suit

The U.S. Forest Service adhered closely to Clinton's proclamation, responded spokesman Mathes. The timber cuts are needed for fire protection, he said, to safeguard sequoia groves that have been threatened before by wildfires.

#### **Expanded moose hunt**

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife hopes to issue more than 1,000 moose hunting permits for this fall's hunt and expand the season in a part of the Northeast

While additional moose permits will be issued statewide, the goal of the increase is to reduce the number of moose in parts of the Northeast Kingdom from about 2,400 to 1.400, said state moose biologist Cedric Alexander

The 1,400 number is in line with the department's 1996 10-year moose management plan and reflects the wishes of Northeast Kingdom residents. And the animals are causing environmental damage. Alexander said.

Alexander estimated the size of the state's moose herd at about 4,700 animals, slightly lower than a vear ago.

#### Rare book thefts

LEXINGTON — Four men were indicted on robbery and art theft charges for allegedly taking rare works from a university library, including a first edition of Charles Darwin's 1859 volume on natural selection

The men allegedly tried to sell the items to Christie's auction house in New York

The men are accused of taking several items from the Transylvania University library, including Darwin's "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection." in which he first discussed his theory of evolution

Also taken were a two-volume natural history published in the 1500s, pencil sketches by John James Audubon done in the 1850s and an illuminated manuscript written in 1425.

One of the men indicted is a Transylvania student; the others are current or former students at the University of Kentucky.



John Fulton, of Kansas City, Mo., Give it all you got lines up a "granny shot" from just inside the 3-point line on the basketball court at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.



A fast cut helps Josh Maddock. Puttin' on the moves 17 evade the grash of Chan Suos and Josh's brother, Eli Maddock, 16, as they played in a pick-up football game in Kansas City, Mo.



Jayden Morrison, 6, (left) and Arik Rizshsky, 5, enjoy warm weather by using the slide at Meeker Elementary School's playground, in

**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

Army-type knife attached to his

shoe inside his carry-on luggage when Saylor went back through

the screening area a second time,

Saylor said the knife was a gift

from a friend that he did not want

Illegal immigrant rights

deny some government benefits to

illegal immigrants, advocates for

limiting immigration are pressing

lawmakers to enact even more re-

strictions on those who sneak into

Opponents question whether the

proposed changes - this time to

education — would do much to

stem the flood of illegal immigra-

tion into Arizona, the busiest ille-

gal entry point on the nation's southern border.

the federal government hasn't

done enough to fulfill its responsi-

hility to enforce laws already on

the books; in response, Arizona

lawmakers have proposed several

bills this year to address the issue.

November denies some govern-

ment services to immigrants and

The voter initiative approved in

But both sides of the debate say

PHOENIX — Four months

after residents voted to

The knife was later found in a

key chain, police said.

nolice said.

to give up.

the country.





Group tubing

People of all ages sled down Sunset Hill in North Conway, N.H., during one of the events of the second annual Mount Washington Valley Winter Carnival.



Little wrestlers Chase Clymer, left, and Chance Mitchell shake hands prior to their match in a youth wrestling program for grades K-6 in Washington, Ind. Officiating is program director Matt Collins.



Colorful scene
The morning sun backlights a
jonquil at St. Scholastica's
Benedict Park in Fort Smith, Ark.



Friendly feline Clydrin

Clyde, a stray cat, seems to ignore a flock of turkeys that cross Sandy DuBois' driveway outside Maple City, Mich. The birds went their way, as did the cat.

#### Moose shot after attack

ANCHORAGE — A moose regularly petted and hand-fed lettuce and potatoes was shot after it stomped on a 6-year-old boy in a neighborhood.

A police officer shot the young, male moose after the boy was safely in a neighbor's home at the Rangeview Mobile Home Park, a densely packed swath of about 75 trailer homes with few trees or woods or even yards.

The boy suffered a split lip and headache, police said.

"As usual, it's people that have caused the problem and the moose that suffered the ultimate consequence," said wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

#### Jail break-in alleged

UNION SPRINGS —
Dreaming of ways to break
out of jail is pretty normal. But for
the second time in less than a
month, police have arrested a man
for trying to break into the Bullock
County Jail.

Police said Ellis Hudson, 40, of Union Springs was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after he was caught inside the fence of the jail last month.

Union Springs Police Chief Jake Wheeler said he suspects Hudson was trying to smuggle tobacco to an inmate, since Hudson had pipe tobacco, three packs of cigarettes and rolling papers in his posses-

"There's no smoking in the jail," Wheeler said. "Someone could probably get \$2 for a cigarette in there"

#### **Devilish sticker protest**

NM SANTA FE — The ACLU is going to court over a case of sticker shock.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is coming to the defense of Dean Young, who was busted for having cartoon stickers of topless female devils on his car.

Young put the stickers on his car as a political statement protesting the ban on Sunday liquor sales in Clovis. The ACLU contends Young's constitutional rights are being violated and that police and prosecutors are overstepping their hounds.

A Clovis magistrate dismissed the case against Young last month on a technicality.

Police called the stickers pornographic and said they went beyond Young's First Amendment rights. Young has described the stickers as "raunchy" but not pornographic.

#### Virginia tornadoes

VA RICHMOND — Last year set a record for tornadoes in Virginia, according to weather and emergency officials.

Weather-service records show that 86 tornadoes touched down in 52 localities during 2004 — four to six times the normal number that hit the state in a year.

They were the spawn of a matching record-high number of tropical cyclones pummeling Virginia last hurricane season. Three-quarters

of the state's 2004 tornadoes were associated with the remnants of hurricanes Gaston, Ivan and Jeanne, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Sammler in Wakefield.

The 2004 storms injured 14 people and caused more than \$70 million in damage in Virginia, the state Department of Emergency Management said.

#### Boy's dog electrocuted

MA BOSTON — The utility company NStar removed a light pole from the spot where a dog being walked by a 13-year-old boy was electrocuted, but the company failed to shut off power to the site, a city investigation found.

"A violation will be written against NStar," city spokeswoman Lisa Timberlake said after the city's Inspectional Services Department issued its finding. "If there's no pole there, it's NStar's responsibility to shut off the power."

NStar officials said they were investigating why the power was not shut off when the light pole in the city's Allston section was removed years ago.

The dog, a 1-year-old boxer

The dog, a 1-year-old boxer named Cassius, was given to 13-year-old Kyle Devito and his 10-year-old brother, Alec, as a Christmas present from their parents.

#### Cable cars cashing in

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Cable car fares, which have already climbed halfway to the stars, are about to complete the trip—and the passengers who are soon to be shaken down for \$5 a ride are squealing louder than the trade brake on the Hyde Street hill.

"That's outrageous," said William Laurens, a visitor from Oregon.
"There's a principle involved.

Just because we're tourists doesn't mean we can pay anything."

The Municipal Railway, which hopes to raise the basic bus and streetcar fare Sept. 1 by a quarter, to \$1.50, also wants to raise the cable car fare by \$2 — to \$5.4 rtip. That would make the cost of a cable car ride the most expensive local transit fare in the Unites States

#### Cat hangs on tight

INKOM — Torri Hutchinson's cat might just have one less life to live.

Hutchison was driving along Interstate 15 recently when a motorist kept trying to get her attention and pointing to the roof of her car. She said she was wary of the man, but wondered if perhaps her

ski rack might have come loose.

She pulled over to the side, but kept her doors locked and the motor running.

The man pulled up behind her. Hutchinson rolled down her window to hear the man frantically shouting, "Your cat! Your cat!"

He reached for the roof of her car and handed the shocked Hutchinson her orange tabby.

She had driven about 10 miles with the cat on top of the car, and didn't even notice the feline when she stopped for gas.

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#### Doonesbury defended

Wow! A Marine colonel based in Iraq is offended that Doonesbury is in Stars and Stripes (letter, "Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' Feb. 28). By gosh, get rid of it immediately. We wouldn't want the good colonel to have to deal with any opinions he doesn't like.

Hmmm! Didn't the Marines just help overthrow a dictator who had those same thoughts? Come on, colonel, wake up There are actually liberals as well as con servatives in our military. Stars and Stripes reflects that with the two strips shown on the editorial pages, notice Doonesbury (on the left) and Mallard Fill notice more (on the right). And if either strip bothers you, don't read it!

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

#### Drop Doonesbury? 'Absurd'

I found the letter disparaging Garry Trudeau's Doonesbury interesting, but sad.

Trudeau's work appears in over 1,400 daily newspapers and he was the first comic strip creator to receive a Pulitzer Prize - and later was runner-up for a second Pulitzer Prize.

The job of an artist is to inspire people to think, often about unpopular topics or contentious issues. The fact the reader wrote his comment shows Trudeau is doing his job — and the reader fell into "the trap." His ranting was too emotional to be taken seriously. To demand a comic strip be dis-continued is absurd. What the reader wants, I guess, is only journalism that agrees with his point of view. That way, he would not have to think too hard.

I have been reading Doonesbury since high school — when Trudeau drew sear-ing stories about the Vietnam War. I do not always agree with him, but I respect his in-telligence and skill. While I personally find Bruce Tinsley's comic strip Mallard Fillmore immature and at times pathetic, I would not think of demanding its cancella-

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It is amazing that we are in Iraq promoting democracy's freedoms, yet the writer wants to ban a comic strip he finds insults his opinion and questions America's goals. That would be like promoting a totally secular government here [in Iraq], while pro moting one that is becoming more and more "religious" back home. Hey — now there is an idea for your next strip, Trudeau!

Col. Charles Mitchell Baghdad

#### Two soldiers' opinions

It is rather ironic that "General: Bush visit memorable" (letter, Feb. 25) and "Armor article misleading" (letter, Feb. 25) found themselves in the same edition of Stars and Stripes, for the simple reason that we had the opportunity to divide the military involvement from the political one.

(Commander of the 1st Armored Division) Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey's letter is political and sounds like sucking up to our wartime (his words) commander in

chief. The commander in chief is the same in peace and in war.
The courageous captain [writing

'Armor article misleading" from Iraq] is more concerned about his troops

As an old soldier, I would be proud to follow the captain anywhere, any time, for you have the guts to truly be a soldier's sol-dier, where your men come first. God bless you. All your men should be proud of VOII

Alexander J. Fiore Camp Darby, Italy

#### In support of Terry Schiavo

In regard to "Deadline set for Schiavo appeals," (article, Feb. 27), I wanted to thank you for presenting fair and balanced reporting.

The article is one of the few I've seen that has reported the conflict of interest that Terry Schiavo's husband has: He is living with another woman, has two children with her, and stands to inherit a large sum upon Terry's death.

I strongly feel that if people learned more about this story - and knew that there are reports of Terry smiling and laughing when she is with her parents they would understand the parents' point of view

It's important to understand that she is being kept alive by food and water, which is the same thing that keeps all of us alive. Terry simply receives it through a tube. I received a fund-raising letter in the mail from her parents: A doctor told them that there is a possibility Terry could eat again by mouth if she receives rehabilitation. In any case, death by starvation and dehydration, which is how she would die, is painful.

This case will certainly set a precedent on feeding tubes and medical powers of attorney. I hope that Terry's husband will relinquish care to her parents, and she will be treated with the dignity and respect that all human beings deserve.

Carole Hart

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

### A worthy message muzzled by bureaucrats

The Washington Post

epartment of Defense Directive No. 1344.10. a torturously detailed regulation that runs to 12 pages of references, responsibilities, requirements, definitions and examples, is the Pentagon's last word on the subject of "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty summarize and condense: They are prohibited

Anthony Brown, an Army reservist serving in Iraq, recently ran afoul of the directive when he recorded a speech to be delivered in the Maryland House of Delegates, where in his civilian life Lt Col Brown serves as a delegate from Prince George's County. The speech was about George Washington and was originally meant to be played at the State House in Annapolis on Presidents Day. The Army, once it got word of the plan, vetoed it.

The merits of the directive, which is intended mainly to safeguard the military's political neutrality, are plain enough. But that neutrality would not have been much compromised by Lt. Col. Brown's elegant tribute to the nation's first president, who, like Lt. Col. Brown himself, was a citizen-soldier who turned to politics.

Paraphrasing Washington's own words from 1775, upon his arrival in New York during the Revolutionary War, the draft of Lt. Col. Brown's address spoke for plenty of today's men and women in uniform: "When the war is over, soldiers return home; they return to a place that is far better than where they fought; but they fought to make better not only those places far from home, but home itself."

Lt. Col. Brown's own experiences as a reservist in Baghdad have been marked by frustration, danger and determination. As a lawyer working to help displaced Iraqis he has had to lower his expectations and draw out his projected time line for success; he estimates it will take five years to establish the mechanisms of a functioning government and bureaucracy. Halfway through his yearlong deployment, Lt. Col Brown stands as a reminder to his stateside colleagues and constituents of the sacrifice that reservists and other American citizen-soldiers make in wartime.

For now, Lt. Col. Brown has lost his voice in the Maryland House of Delegates. But his stature is undiminished.

#### Doonesbury









By GARRY TRUDEAU

#### **OPINION**

### When you've got good PR, who needs shame?

text1By Margaret Carlson

e crossed one threshold of Mahame back when stars fighting addiction became "Enter-Gone was AA with its anonymity. In was Betty Ford, Far from being an impediment, detox turned out to be a good career move.

Now we've crossed another threshold with Mar-Martha is havina tha Stewart emerging from doing time at Alderher comeback Federal Prison Camp more marketable without even than when she went in The Old Martha was on admitting what cable (except for those occasional short segshe did was ments paired with a Cuisinart on the third-rated wrong or "CBS Morning News"). The New Martha, who apologizing to the will be under house arrest for five months at poor schlubs who 153-acre Bedford N.Y., estate, has escaped bought the stock the ghetto of high-numbered chanshe unloaded just nels to breathe the clear before it tanked. air of the networks with two new shows, one of which is the only sanc-

tioned spinoff of Donald Trump's show, "The Apprentice." She's so hot, ankle bracelets could become stylish.

I'm all for ex-cons going on to lead fulfilling lives once they've paid their debt, but I do think they ought to start with a small show of remores. Martha is having her comeback without even admitting what he did was wrong or apologizing to the poor schlubs who bought the stock she unloaded just before it tanked. At least drug recidivist Robert Downey Jr. pleaded for forgiveness before his comeback.

I had moments of sympathy for Martha, especially when I felt the prosecutor had gone too far. Men engage in insider trading every day at lunch. Was Martha singled out for trading while female? Then, when the prosecutor couldn't get her for the underlying crime, he sent her to jail for making false statements. Some of her sentence had to be for just being so uppity and so devoted to table settings and glue guns. So I was proud of her for taking her lumps like a man when so few men in her situation do. (Enron's Ken Lay, who plundered his company, leaving hundreds of clerks and secre-

taries penniless, is still hiding behind lawyers in a Houston mansion.)

But still did she need to be so defiant about it? went into prison early (deciding not to until her appeals were concluded), but only so she could be out in time for planting sea son. Only rappers get to be that remorseless. Snoop Dogg can be charged with murder, get cleared and then watch his next CD go platinum. But white-col-lar felons usually beg for forgiveness and do good

After serving 22 months, for instance, Michael Milken devoted himself to his ongoing forts, and raising money

philanthropic efforts and raising money for cancer research. Wealthy real-estate developer and Sotheby Chairman A. Alfred Taubman, who was ratted out by his assistant, returned to polite society after serving nearly a year for price fixing to give away even more money than before. He's also restoring the riverfront in depressed inner-city Detroit.

Martha shares something with them: They all came out looking better physically than when they went in. Taubman was noticeably svelter after a diet absent foie gras. Martha lost weight and the helmet coif. Milken learned there was life without a tounce.

What she doesn't have in common with old-time white-collar felons is shame. And that's the reason "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart" ultimately won't work for her. It's



one thing if she were just returning to a show where she painted her henhouse aubergine and awoke at dawn to gather dewy grass for a spring centerpiece. It's quite another to hold herself up as the role model for budding entrepreneurs. Really, there's got to be some morality in a morality play. The program Martha's been training for

on the inside should really be called "Crime Spinnes," Her five months inside were all about spin — marketing her corporate turnaround and buffing her image. I lapped it all up: "Nice Spice Rack," screamed the New York Post after Martha reportedly lifted seasonings out of the prisno commissary and stuffed them in her bra. She taught yoga, helped inmates write letters and adapted haute cuisine to the mil-

"Crime Spinners" would continue the effective work of her PR team. Each week would showcase a diverse and ever-changing group of panelists who would be taught how to succeed as an ex-con without being sorry. She could round up Bernie Ebbers, Kenny Boy Lay, Dennis Kozlowski, Jack Grubman, Tom DeLay, (I'm assuming a litthe here, but some of these will appear second season.) She could teach the fine art of calligraphy when writing or endorsing checks of dubious provenance, how to use corporate aircraft for private vacations, securing loans that never have to be repaid and serving chamomile tea in fine china cups while doing it.

Trump could make a guest appearance to show how your companies can go bankrupt but you keep the jet, the mansions and the beach property.

She won't be able to call on fellow remorseless recent ex-con Lizzy Grubman, the PR person who mowed down 16 people with her Mercedes outside a club in the Hamptons. The minute she got out of prison, she began rehearsals for her own show on MTV. Crime catapulted her from pimping for starlets to being one.

Shame is so last season. Let me this one time emulate the Donald: Martha, you're fired.

Carlson is a contributing editor of Time magazine and a panelist on CNN's "The Capital Gang." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

### Reaching out to American women, through their stomachs

Chicago Tribune

T's not the Statue of Liberty, the liberation of Paris or Brigitte Bardot, but the book "French Women Don't Get Franco-American relations. The author, Mircelle Guiliano, was born and raised in France but professes to love America. Loves it so much, she's willing to impart

a little diet and lifestyle advice our way.

There aren't many diet books that extol the virtues of bread and chocolate for 24 pages and include recipes for such delights as croissants (made with 12 tablespoons of sweet butter), baguettes and chocolate rice pudding (don't forget the 3 ounces of dark chocolate).

But this is more of a trans-Atlantic living and eating primer by a woman who bulked up so much when she was an exchange student in the United States that her father said she resembled a sack of potatoes when she got home.

Married to an American, she lives in New York and is president and CEO of Clicquot Inc.

Is there a different mindset that makes Americans more prone to gain weight than their French counterparts? Guiliano seems to think so. "The wisdom of the French way of eating and living, and in particular the uncanny power of French women to stay svelte, remains little understood, much less exploited," she wrote.

Part of that ability to stay svelte may lie in the French paradox — the French eat such rich foods yet have such a low rate of coronary disease. Moderate consumption of wine with meals might provide one answer for this medical riddle. But Guillano swer for this medical riddle. But Guillano insists that differences between the French and the Americans go far beyond that.

Her message: Drink plenty of water, eat more fruits and vegetables, go for quality

more fruits and vegetables, go for quality not quantity, make dining an occasion. No low-carb miracle fads, just a simple approach more easily understood than the latest food pyramid.

"French women eat for pleasure." Guil-

iano wrote. "French women don't diet."

Some American critics have snidely countered that many French women also smoke, enabling them to control their weight at a cost to their health. Whatever the truth to the dietary mystery, Guiliano's book is a runaway hit here.

Divided by so much lately, the French and the Americans can finally agree on something: Good food, in moderate quantity, yields a good life.

#### **Mallard Fillmore**

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





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#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain and snowshowers. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday lows in the upper 30s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid to upper 20s.

France: Partly to mostly cloudy. In the Trainer: Farry to mostly clodes, with north, highs in the lower 40s with Tuesday lows in the mid 30s. In the south, highs in the lower 50s with Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with iso-lated snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid to upper

Hungary: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the mid 20s.

Northern Italy: Sunny to partly cle Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

Tuesday lows in the 30s.

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Southern Italy: Cloudy with rain.

Highs in the 40s. Tuesday lows in the lower 30s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the lower 20s.

Norway: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Tuesday lows in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Portugal, Spain: Sunny to party cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to upper 50s. In the north, Tuesday

lows in the low to mid 30s. In the south, Tuesday lows in the lower 40s Turkey: Mostly cloudy to cloudy. In the north and inland, highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s with Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to low 30s. In the

south and west, highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s with Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home

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#### Horoscope

Mars, the warrior - the theme is right versus might. When events are meant to be, they can happen in a number of **Holiday Mathis** different ways. Using force to get what you want, therefore, is optional. Perhaps it's better to conserve your energy, Moral of the story When it's truly yours, no

#### one can stop you from having it. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). Your special

achievements are reward ed. An independent spirit rules, and the next 10 weeks show you being particularly resistant to doing anything inauthentic to you. Singles have multiple romantic options through the spring Summer brings friends together for travel and rollicking good times. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Gemini

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Strangely, some lessons in love can only be learned by developing your-self outside of a relationship. Consider that you may have to create distance between you and a loved one in order to be more closely connected

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You let down your guard and find there was little reason for you to have it up to begin with. It's nice when humans reinforce that humani ty is mostly good. Someone you need to have in your life reaches for

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is so much truly inspiring information out there that you don't even have to make an effort to find it. You bump into it when you're not even sure where you're going. You

#### are being guided by signs CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The thing that separates you from the pack is your habits. Do something that other people don't like to do. You probably won't like it, either, but your commitment to excellence rules out over the temporary discom-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's self-appreciation day. You don't have to tell anybody, but the private love affair you've got going with you is getting really steamy. In fact, you're totally irresistible. Buy yourself something you've been wanting

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Career aims take over your thought process. There's a vision inside you that is growing in scope. Fill it out with color, character and detail. If you see it, feel it and believe it, doing it is

#### actually the easy part. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Caution:

Don't spend your time and energy defending your methods and knowledge You're better off following your insatiable

drive to learn more, even if this seems costly right now.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A slight lethargy sets in - perhaps

stemming from your basically rebel lious nature. The tasks ahead of you are not hard, and they are not easy. But they only get accomplished with the right attitude.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The financial luck of someone in your circle may be a source of

envy. Take this as an indication that you need to get moving on your special project. The most acceptable way to get money is still to earn it.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). The open-minded, possibility thinker in you surfaces. Perhaps your belief about how to run a rela tionship was mistaken. When you are willing to be wrong, you lessen the likelihood that you will be in the

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your lineage affects what happen to you now. It's interesting to note what was given to you by your narents and what is self-created When it comes to relaying your deep affection, show it rather than

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

People are grouped together according to the many things they have in common. Think of what you have in common with your group and whether that sits well with you. What was lost is now found in the strangest place

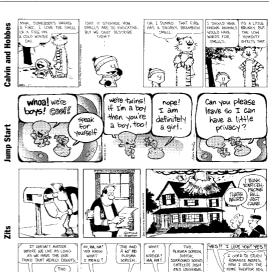
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### **Peanuts**





















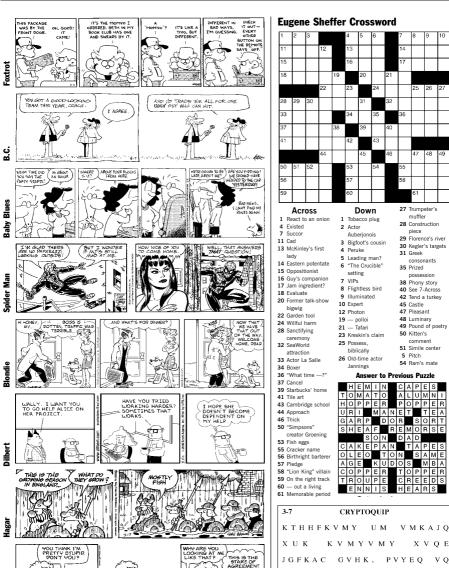








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals L

### Dog duties are woman's own fault

Dear Abby: I need advice with a problem I have regarding our basset hound, "Sherlock bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gret-

ta," who lives with lock, the understanding was that he would be cared for by my husband and daughter. This is not what happened. I do 90 percent of the feeding and cleaning up after him. We also have a cocker spaniel, "Lulu," we have had since Gretta was 3. Lulu has also been my responsibility for the most part. Ken and Gretta play with the dogs, and I "get" to do almost everything else

Abby, I am not a dog lover; I am a dog "liker." I feel used and resentful. Am I being unreasonable?

- Used and Resentful in Southern California Dear Used and Resentful: Stop feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shrugging off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to walk him. A pet service could pro vide transportation to

the vet or the groomer. Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's iust as well that you

have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

Dear Abby: Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison

her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours

Things were OK for a while. then she started up again.

According to Grace, everyone has been trying to kill her. A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says I am trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore. What we can do?

 Tearful in Tennessee Dear Tearful: Your moth er-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the exam. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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(Answers tomorrow) BRINY PAUPER THRASH When the robber was caught on the stens.

### **Girl needs help after admitting rape**

#### Dear Annie: Recently, my 13-year-old daugh-ter. "Ellie." told me she was raped two years ago by a boy who also was 11

at the time. I had no idea since she never let on that anything had happened never showed changes in her personality or became withdrawn, nor did she display any signs that she was troubled. I know that this mus

have been a horrible experience for Ellie, and as a teenager, it is imperative that she have a healthy self-image. She said the reason she didn't tell me earlier was because she didn't want me to think she was a

"whore." I reassured her and told her I would never think that, and that this was not her fault. But her words broke my heart.

Ellie doesn't want anyone else to know about the rape, and told me if she feels the need to discuss it she will come to me. She is an emotionally well-adjusted child. but I think she should receive counseling. I also am concerned



Dear Abby

because Ellie says she is never going to have sex again. I understand that for now, but will this carry into her adult life and affect her? She was a virgin before this happened

I want to help my daughter. Do you be lieve she really is OK? Is there any legal re-course? The crime is two years old, and the boy is still a minor.

Thanks for your help.

- Love My Daughter More Than Anything Dear Mom: The fact that Ellie came to you with this information, even after two years, means it

still troubles her deeply. Your instincts are solid. Ellie should get professional help. We recommend contacting RAINN, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (rainn.org), at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673). for counseling and information about legal recourse. You can check it out first, Mom, and then

encourage Ellie to do the same

Dear Annie: What is the proper etiquette about inviting your boss to baby and wedding showers? My boss, who is not a particularly friendly person and has no personal relationships with any of her staff, always gets peeved when one of us has such an event and doesn't invite her

She says it is "proper etiquette" to invite your boss to these kinds of parties and that we girls have "no manners Am I rude for not including

my boss in my personal events?

— Anxious Employee Dear Anxious: Your boss is mistaken. You are not obligated to invite her to any non-work-related event outside the office. However, if you feel your job may be in jeopardy, you might ant to make allowances for her. It sounds as if the woman desperately wants to be included in these social affairs.

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#### **Family Circus**



"Tomorrow's my birthday, so these pajamas might not fit me in the morning."





"Well, I suppose you're all wondering why I've asked you here today Ha! I've always wanted to say the



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#### **AFN TV & Radio**

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AFN-Sports, 10 am.—Promosing at Overal, final round (Idio).
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Tennis: Davis Cup.
Croatia at U.S.A., reverse singles (Idio).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—Baseball: Spring training, Chicago Cubs vs. Fexas.

#### Tuesday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College basketball, vomen's teams TBD. AFN-Sports and Radio, 1 a.m.—College bas-setball: Colonial Athletic Association chamolonship game. **AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—College basketball: Missouri Valley Conference championship ame. AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College basketball: /omen's teams TBD. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.—College basketball: /est Coast Conference championship

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Bowling: PBA Baby kuth (dld).

AFN-Sports, noon—NBA: Teams TBD (dld).
AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—Boxing: Friday Night
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uan Carlos Ramirez (34-7-0, 14 KOs), super
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eatherweights (dld). **AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Baseball: Spring train-ng, Texas vs. San Francisco. All times are Central European Time; did in dicates delayed listing. All listings are sub-ject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

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day, 14. Michigan State (22-5) beat Penn State 90-64. Next: Big Ten quarterfinals, Friday, 15. Connecticut (21-6) beat No. 13 Syra-cuse 88-70. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.

16. Utah (25-4) beat San Diego State 72-60.
Next: MWC first round, Thursday.

17. Pacific (25-2) beat UC Riverside 64-48.
Next: Bj@ West semifinals, Friday.

18. Charlotte (21-6) lost to South Florida 85-73. Next: vs. Memphis-Saint Louis winner, Conference USA quarterfinals, Thursday. 19. Villanova (21-6) beat St. John's 70-68. Next: vs. No. 24 Pittsburgh, Big East quarterfi-

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Santa Clara 67, San Francisco

#### AP Women's Top 25 fared

1. LSU (29-1) beat No. 21 Georgia 79-65, SEC tournament, Next; vs. No. 5 Tennessee, SEC tournament, Sunday. 2. Stanford (27-2) beat California 81-40, Pac-10 tournament, Sunday. 3. Onlo State (26-7) did not Jay. Next; vs. No. 15 Minnesota, Big Ten tournament, Sunday. day.

4. North Carolina (25-3) beat Miami 64-57,

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5. Tennessee (25-4) beat No. 18 Vanderbilt
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day. 8. Michigan State (26-3) did not play. Next vs. No. 23 Penn State, Big Ten tournament Sunday. Sunday.

9. Rutgers (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Big East tournament, Sunday.

10. Notre Dame (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Big East tournament, Sunday.

11. Texas (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M or Oklahoma, Big 12 tournament, Wednesday, (25-4) lost to Texas Christian 87-77, CUSA tournament, Next: TBA. 13. Texas Tech (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado or No. 20 towa State, Big 12 tourna-ment, Wednesday, 20-7, did not play. Next: vs.

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#### Golf

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Ford Championship at Doral Saturday At Doral Golf Resort & Spa, Blue Course Miami Purse: \$5.5 million Yardage: 7,266; Par: 72 Third Round

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**Dubai Duty Free** Women's Open

At Duba Tennis Stadjum Dubai, United Arab Emirates Purse: 31 million (Tier II) Surface; Hard-Outdoor Champiorship Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez (1), Argentina, def. Svetlana Kuznets-ova, Russia, and Alicia Molik (2), Australia, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-1.

### Deals

#### Saturday's transactions

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### **76ers extend Hawks skid** to 11 with late FTs, steal

ATLANTA - Marc Jackson hit two free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining, and Allen Iverson stole Atlanta's ensuing inbounds pass as the Philadelphia 76ers escaped with a 98-97 victory Saturday night that extended the Hawks' losing streak to 11 games

Iverson, who hit all 13 of his free-throw attempts, scored 33 points but was just 3-for-19 from the floor in the second half. After Tom Gugliotta's 20-footer from the

right baseline gave the Hawks their first lead since midway through the fourth quarter, Chris Webber's awkward pass caused Iverson to fall down near midcourt. Instead of being called for traveling, Iverson quickly hopped up and drove the lane before passing to Jackson, who was fouled by Al Harrington.

Jackson finished 7-for-7 from the foul

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, stole Boris Diaw's inbounds pass from the left sideline of the Hawks' end. Iverson celebrated with victory lap around the Philips Arena floor.

The Sixers won two straight for the first time since acquiring Webber in a Feb. 23 with Sacramento. Webber finished with 18

points and a team-high eight rebounds. Tyronn Lue, who scored 13 points before



Hawks their biggest lead, 72-65 with 2:16 left in the third quarter. Harrington led Atlanta with 19 points. Josh Childress finished with 16.

Magic 105, Nets 81: Steve Francis scored 26 points and rookie backcourt mate Jameer Nelson added a career-high 22 as Orlando took an early lead and rolled

Kelvin Cato added 16 points for the Magic, who had four players in double figures. Nelson, further entrenched in the Orlando starting lineup after Doug Christie was placed on the injured list, shot 7-for-9

and had three assists. Rookie Dwight Howard had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 20 points, the 18th straight game he's reached

Nuggets 105, Clippers 89: Earl Boykins scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Denver continued its push for the playoffs under new coach George Karl with its sixth straight victory. Boykins, a 5-foot-5 guard who spent two

seasons with the Clippers, has scored in double figures in 20 of his past 23 games.



Hawks forward Al Harrington (3) is stopped under the net by 76ers center Marc Jackson (25) and Aaron McKie (8) in the fourth quarter on Saturday. Atlanta lost its 11th straight.

Carmelo Anthony had 21 points for the Nuggets, who equaled their longest winning streak since a seven-game stretch from Nov. 18-Dec. 2, 1989. They improved to 30-29 and went over .500 for the first

time since Dec. 21 (13-12). The Nuggets have made up 61/2 games on the Lakers for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth, and have tied them with 23 games remaining.

Bucks 95, Bulls 87: Desmond Mason scored 20 points, Maurice Williams and Michael Redd added 16 points each and the Bucks defeated the Chicago Bulls in Milwaukee for the 14th consecutive time. The Bulls' losing streak at the Bradley

Center dates to March 29, 1998, the year Michael Jordan led the team to the last of its six NBA championships. Joe Smith added 10 points and a sea-

son-high 16 rebounds for the Bucks, whose last 16 points came from the foul line. Kirk Hinrich scored 24 points for Chica-

go, which lost its third consecutive game. Suns 129. Trail Blazers 116: Shawn

Marion had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Phoenix routed visiting Portland for the third time this season. Coach Mike D'Antoni rested starters

Marion, Amare Stoudemire and Steve Nash for the entire fourth quarter after the Suns went ahead 102-78 after three.

### Profit's tip turns out a winner for Wizards

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Washington Wizards were lousy on offense and not much better on defense, forcing them to rely on one heads-up play by Laron Profit to end their six-game road los-

Profit tipped in Juan Dixon's miss with 3.1 seconds to play to give the Washington Wizards an 86-84 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Saturday night.

"When he shot it, I just decided with the time left to go in and try to get a hand on it, Profit said "Luckily for us the ball went in be cause saying we didn't play well is an understatement. The Wizards shot just 37 per-

were 1-for-10 from three-point range and had eight shots blocked

Plus, they were short on bodies just 10 players suited up but Anthony Peeler didn't play and then Antawn Jamison left early in the third quarter with what the Wizards would only say was a sore right knee.

How they rallied from a 14-point deficit and pulled out the win was a mystery to them.

"We really have been talking about how we need to win games on the defensive end and tonight we spoke it right up," Profit said. "We didn't have our 'A' game or our 'B' game offensively, so we really had to buckle down and make some plays."

The Bobcats missed twice before Washington's final possession

Jason Kapono's shot was off, and Gerald Wallace's shot was blocked by Brendan Haywood. The Wizards called timeout

and ran down the clock before getting the ball to Dixon in the left corner. His shot bounced off the rim, but Profit was under the basket and tipped it in. Charlotte didn't have any time-

outs left, and Keith Bogans heaved up a half-court shot that was off the mark. Washington improved to 3-0 against the Bobcats.

"Profit just wanted it a little more than we did on that possession," Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. Haywood, from nearby Greens-

boro and a North Carolina alum. scored 22 points to lead Washing-

"My mom is here, and I wanted to have a good showing for Mama," Haywood said.

Gilbert Arenas scored 21 and Kwame Brown had 16 points and 12 rehounds

Jason Hart scored 18 of his career-high 20 points in the fourth quarter to lead Charlotte. Kapono had 19 points and a career-high eight rebounds off the bench, and Primoz Brezec added 16 points.

"We're not getting down, but we need a break," Hart said. "Unfortunately, that last rebound did not go our way. This one hurts."

The Bobcats also have injury problems, with guard Kareem Rush placed on the injured list before the game with a knee sprain and Brevin Knight out with a sprained ankle suffered Friday

#### **NBA** scoreboard

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Minnesota	29	30	.492	13					
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Utah	20	38	.345	211/2					
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### Giambi gets warm reception on the road

The Associated Pres

Jason Giambi took his image rehabilitation tour on the road for the first time this spring and was given a warm reception. Carlos Beltran needed just one at-bat to hear how his new fans felt about him.

Giambi got his first hit of the year in the New York Yankees' 9-8 loss to the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland, Fla., on Saturday.

"I didn't know what to expect," Giambi said after going 1-for-4. "You never know, and that way you never set yourself up to be let down."

Giambi repeated several times that he was "humbled" by the reception he's been given following a winter of accusations about steroid use.

Giambi, however, wasn't involved in the play that will find its way into the most highlight shows.

Detroit's Dmitri Young violently collided with Yankees catcher John Flaherty on a play at the plate, and Young needed five stitches on his ear. Young said the blood was worth it because the aggressive play was meant to convey how the Detroit Tigers intend to play this season.

"We're the Tigers - not the kittens." Young said.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Beltran hit a two-run homer in the first inning of his first home game with the Mets. Beltran also singled in three at-bats and helped New York beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-4.

"When you go out, you don't want to let the fans down," said Beltran, who signed a seven-year, \$119 million contract in January.

"You want to make them proud of your team. That's what we did today."

Free-agent signee J.D. Drew had his first hit for Los Angeles, a two-run homer off Mets starter Steve Trachsel in the third in-

Sammy Sosa, who hit his first homer with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, did something even more memorable Saturday: He was ejected while playing the outfield during the second inning of the Orioles' 9-6 loss to the Nation-

#### Spring training

als at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — the first time in 34 years that Baltimore and Washington met on a baseball diamond.

The sequence of events that led to Sosa's ejection by second beaumpire C.B. Bucknor began in the bottom of the first inning when he was called out by home plate umpire Joe West on a high third strike. Sosa briefly expressed his displeasure with the call before taking his place in right field.

After Baltimore starter Daniel Cabrera opened the second inning by going to a 2-0 count on leadoff hitter Brad Wilkerson, Sosa was ejected. "I said, 'That was a strike,'"

"I said, 'That was a strike,' 'Sosa said, ''and then the second-base umpire was like, 'Knock it off.' I said something back to him, and that was everything. I was all the way in right field, but I guess he took it the wrong way and threw me out of the game."

Sosa's ejection was not the only outrageous occurrence Saturday.

At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Calvin Pickering hit a grand slam in the sixth inning but was called out when he passed baserunner Justin Huber at first base. Pickering was credited with a three-run, 385-foot single to left.

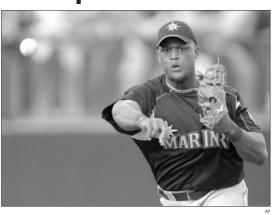
"That was the batter's fault," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "We want our runners to tag up

in that situation and we want the batter to be watching the runner. It's good these things happen down here"

In other games:

Twins (ss) 12, Red Sox (ss) 7: At Fort Myers, Fla, David Ortiz hit a grand slam for Boston against his former team. Brad Radke, making his first spring start for Minnesota, gave up one unearned run in two innings and revealed that he was close to joining the World Series champion Red Sox over the winter.

Twins (ss) 6, Pirates 2: At Bradenton, Fla., Scott Baker, one of Minnesota's top pitching prospects, retired all six batters he faced. Jacque Jones went 2-for-5



Seattle Mariners third baseman Adrian Beltre throws to first on a grounder by San Diego Padres' Ryan Klesko during the second inning Saturday in Peoria. Ariz. Klesko was out on the play. The Padres won 5-2.

with an RBI. Pirates starter Josh Fogg pitched three scoreless innings.

Devil Rays 8, Blue Jays 4: At Dunedin, Fla., Denny Neagle pitched two scoreless innings for Tampa Bay in his first outing in nearly 19 months. He allowed two hits and struck out one. He threw 26 pitches — 19 strikes.

Braves 4, Astros 3 (10): At Kissimmee, Fla., Horacio Ramirez, coming off a shoulder injury, pitched a hitless and pain-free inning in his spring debut for Atlanta. Houston's Roy Oswalt, the only 20-game winner in the NL last year, also made a strong start with two perfect innings on 22 pitches.

Indians 5, Phillies 3: At Clearwater, Fla., prized prospect Gavin Floyd worked three scoreless innings for Philadelphia, but Jose Morban and John Rodriguez each hit a two-run homer in the eighth to rally Cleveland. Padres (ss) 5, Mariners 2: At Peoria, Ariz, Ramon Hernandez hit a two-run double and Brian Lawrence pitched two scoreless innings for San Diego. Seattle starter Jamie Moyer threw two shutout innings.

Giants (ss) 5, Padres (ss) 4 (10): At Scottsdale, Ariz., Jason Schmidt was pleasantly surprised by his strong outing, throwing three scoreless innings on a windy day.

Darrell May, trying to become San Diego's fifth starter, held the Giants scoreless for two innings

Cubs 8, Giants (ss) 2: At Mesa, Ariz., San Francisco's Moises Alou went hitless in two at-bats against his former team. Giants starter Jerome Williams gave up six hits and five runs in the first inning. Ryan Dempster pitched two perfect innings, striking out three

Rockies 7, Angels 6: At Tempe, Ariz., Jason Jennings pitched two hitless innings in his first start of the spring for Colorado. Juan Rivera hit his first homer, and fellow Angels newcomer Orlando Cabrera had a three-run double.

Rangers 5, Royals 3: At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Kevin Appier was hit in his pitching shoulder by Michael Young's line drive, cutting short his first outing in almost a year.

White Sox 10, Diamondbacks

O: At Tucson, Ariz, Carl Everett
hit a grand slam and Chicago had
five extra-base hits. Diamondbacks reliever Jose Valverde was
roughed up for five runs. Arizona
left-hander Shawn Estes tossed
two innings and allowed one
extred run.

Red Sox (ss) 8, Reds 7: At Sarasota, Fla., Eric Milton allowed three runs in two innings in his first start for Cincinnati. Ramon Vazquez hit a two-run homer and Trot Nixon added an RBI double in the first for Boston.

### Selig: Positive steroid tests dropped dramatically last season

BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — The number of positive tests for steroids in Major League Baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last season, Commissioner Bud Selig said Saturday, and he predicted the virtual elimination of the drug from the sport this year.

The new figures, based on just under 1,200 tests, compare with 5 to 7 percent positive results in 2003, the first season that major league players were tested.

Selig said the test results "startled me and a lot of other people." "I am very confident that we will effectively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season," he said at a news conference.

The tests in 2003-04 were done

under the 2002 collective bargaining agreement adhering to a program far less stringent than the
one adopted by Major League
Baseball and the players' union
this year. The new program implemented this week includes an
unamounced test of every player, other random testing and tests
in the offseason.

"I'm comfortable in telling you that we've not only dealt with our problem, but we will finish what we started." Selig said. "There always will be some exceptions, but I'm very comfortable with what we've done." Selig also said the minor league

testing program has dropped from 11 percent of tests being positive in 2001 to 1.7 percent last season.

The commissioner emphatical-

by refuted the notion that baseball owners looked the other way from the steroid problem because they loved the popularity of the home-run binge of the late 1990s. He said he had never heard an owner, manager, player or anyone else involved in the sport voice that feeling.

"Do I wish that I knew in 1995

or 1996 what I know today about this after all the hours I've spent?" Selig said. "Of course I do. I would be less than honest if I didn't say that. We're just learning a lot of things now. But we've hired the best people we have, we've gone to Olympic labs. And I think our programs are as consistently good as anybody else

"But the facts speak for themselves."

A House committee plans hearings on the use of steroids in baseball, and Selig has been invited to testify, along with several former and current players. Selig would not say whether he would accept the invitation If current players are subpoenaed to testify, Selig said, "the only thing I'm going to say is I'm very protective of players and we'll just have to work our way through all of that."

Rob Manfred, executive vice president for labor relations in the commissioner's office and baseball's point man in the steroid program, said that last year's testing program was as unpredictable as possible, given its limita-

tions.
"Some testing was done at home, some testing was done on the road. Players were randomly selected for testing. We did not do entire rosters at one time," he

#### Scheckter out front to begin IRL season

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. - Tomas Scheckter put Panther Racing out front Saturday with Chevrolet power, easily winning the pole for the season-opening Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway

The son of former Formula One champion Jody Scheckter got around the 11/2-mile oval at 215.115 mph in a Dallara, nearly a full mile per hour faster than the 214.317 by runner-up Vitor Meira's Honda-powered Panoz

GM Racing has struggled in the IRL since Honda and Toyota ght their engines to the Indy-Car Series in 2003 and will null its Chevrolet Indy V-8s out of the series after 2005. Meanwhile, the company is focusing its IndyCar efforts on Panther, fielding cars for Scheckter and Tomas Enge

Enge, in his first season with Panther, was a solid third at 214.152 Saturday with the other Chevy-Dallara.

Three more Honda-powered cars followed. Buddy Rice, last year's Indianapolis 500 winner, was fourth at 214.006, with Dario Franchitti next at 213.899 and Scott Sharp sixth at 213.463.

Helio Castroneves was seventh at 213.313 in the fastest Toyota-powered car, with Penske teammate Hornish close behind at 212.887

A Chevrolet-nowered car has not won a race in the IRL since then-Panther Racing star Sam Hornish Jr. took the checkered flag at California Speedway two races from the end of the 2003 sea-

Danica Patrick, a 22-year-old rookie and the only woman racing in the IndyCar Series this season. joined Team Rahal teammates Rice and Meira in the top half of the 22-car field. Her 212.871 was good enough for ninth place on the grid.



Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella raises his arms as he celebrates his victory in the Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit Sunday. Rubens Barrichello finished second and Fernando Alonso third.

### Fisichella wins F1 opener

#### Crash takes M. Schumacher out of race

BY JOHN PYE The Associated Press

MELBOURNE Australia - Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella won Formula One's season-opening Australian Grand Prix on Sunday. Fisichella finished 57 laps on

the 3.295-mile Albert Park circuit in 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 sec-onds in his Renault.

Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello was second, 5.55 seconds back, and Fisichella's Renault teammate. Fernando Alonso, finished third

Michael Schumacher, who won 13 races last year en route to his seventh world championship, retired with 15 laps remaining after a collision with Nick Heidfeld. The Ferrari driver started on the back row of the grid.
The 32-year-old Fisichella's

only previous F1 victory in 141 was at the controversial 2003 Brazilian GP, when he wasn't awarded the victory for five days until it was discovered he was ahead when the race was stopped.

"It's my first time to celebrate the victory on the podium," Fisichella said. "It's been fantastic. a great experience - I want to do it again

With new rules restricting drivers to one engine for two races and one tire setup per race, Fi sichella's smooth driving made

the difference Avoiding heavy rain that drenched the circuit just after he'd finished his first qualifying Saturday afternoon also lap helned.

He returned for the second qualifying session Sunday and easily maintained his lead, giving him pole position in an all-Italian front row with Toyota's Jarno Trulli

Trulli finished ninth Schumacher moved as high as

seventh after starting 19th with a new engine. His Australian title defense ended when he and Nick Heidfield touched wheels and then collided at in the third turn on the 43rd lap

#### Australian Grand Prix

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### Mexican Goeters secures Busch pole

MEXICO CITY -Some

NASCAR teams worried about security as they made their first trip south of the border. They had rea son for concern: Somebody stole the nole. Mexico's Jorge Goeters thrilled

hometown fans Saturday by topping qualifying for Sunday's Telcel-Motorola 200, edging Nextel Cup veteran Robby Gordon.

It was really cool to see that guy get the nole, to see all the fans going crazy with the air horns going," said defending series champ Martin Truex Jr., who was third-fastest, "I don't think they'd have done that for me." It also was good news for

NASCAR, adding to local interest in a race that it hopes will help build an enduring relationship with fans in Mexico and with Hispanic fans in the United States. "As far as Busch qualifying, I

don't think we've ever had this many people at the track," Truex said though officials did not have a count of the crowd Saturday.

Goeters called it "the happiest day of my life" after his No. 66 Ford bumped Gordon to second on the 2.518 mile road course

"I can't tell you what this event means for me and for my country. I've always dreams of running in NASCAR," Goeters said.

"I didn't even know it was a ood lap until my team told me. You did it! You're the leader!

It got even happier later. Goeters started on the pole in the afternoon's Corona Challenge race and finished second to brother Patrick

The 34-year-old Goeters has won Mexican titles in trucks (2002), Mustangs (1997), sport prototypes and tractor trucks (both in 1996)

#### Austrain Maier wins super-G, 50th World Cup race of career lentless pressure Saturday night and anti-inflammatory pills. He

The Associated Press

KVITFJELL, Norway - Hermann Maier won a super giant sla lom on Lillehammer's Olympic course Sunday for his 50th World Cup victory, tying Alberto Tomba for second place on the career list Austria's Benjamin Raich fin-

ished fourth, just ahead of Bode Miller, and drew closer to the American in their race for the overall title. Miller, trying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the men's overall, leads Raich by 52 points (1,348 points to 1,296) with only four races left. Maier, who also won Satur-

day's downhill on the same slone. was timed in 1 minute, 32.98 seconds. He beat Didier Defago of Switzerland by 0.83 seconds while Daron Rahlves of the United States was third, 0.88 back.

Maier, the four-time and de-fending World Cup overall cham-

#### Sports briefs

pion. ioined Italy's Tomba in second place on the career victory list behind Ingemar Stenmark. The Swedish great leads with 86, all in slalom and giant slalom.

"There are still chances to win some more," the 32-year-old Maier said, "I'm still vounger than Tomba when he reached

This season, one race remains in each discipline - the downhill, super-G. slalom and giant slalom at the World Cup finals in Lenzer-Switzerland, starting Thursday. A victory is worth 100 points.

#### Castillo, Lacy successfully defend titles

LAS VEGAS - Jose Luis Castillo wore down Julio Diaz with rebefore finally stopping him in the 10th round to retain the WBC lightweight title. Castillo fought true to his usual

form, patiently stalking Diaz throughout the fight before knocking him down twice in the 10th. Diaz was on one knee after the

second knockdown when referee Richard Steele counted to nin then waved the fight to a close. It was the second defense for Castillo of the title he won from

Juan Lazcano last year.

In another title fight on the card at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino, former Olympian Jeff Lacy retained his IBF super-middleweight title by stopping Rubin Williams in the seventh round.

Castillo, winning for the 52nd time in his pro career, opened cuts over both of Diaz's eyes with apparent head butts, and Diaz's left eye was nearly swollen shut when the fight ended.

Diaz (30-3) gave up his IBF lightweight title to challenge Castillo, but simply did not have enough power to keep him off of Castillo (52-6-1 with 46 knock-

outs) was ahead 88-83 on all three scorecards after the ninth round but made sure that the judges wouldn't have a say in the fight when he put the challenger away in the 10th round.

#### Buser goes for record-tying fifth Iditarod title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Fearless, foolhardy or just plain stubborn, four-time champion Martin Buser cheerfully started the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, a few days after the middle finger of his right hand was amoutated above the second joint.

Buser, 46, who was injured in a table saw accident Tuesday, loaded up on painkillers, antibiotics wore bandages and a special splint on his mangled hand and stuffed it inside an oversized black mitten. At the festive ceremonial start

of the 33rd Iditarod, he happily autographs signed left-handed — and posed for pho-tographs with fans on a crisp, sunny morning before setting off on a journey to Nome that is perilous even for mushers in the best of health.

The first day was easy, starting out on trucked-in snow downtown, then taking a slow run for 11 miles with reduced teams of 12 dogs hauling "Iditariders" who paid for the thrill. The race really gets going Sunday with a restart from Willow, 70 miles north of the city. From there it's a danger-filled trail through steep gorges, along frozen rivers and over menacing mountain passes in subzero temperatures with howling

### Davis Cup doubles loss leaves Charge by Woods U.S. only a singles chance

By KEN PETERS The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. - In jeopardy of being eliminated by Croatia in the opening round of the Davis Cup for the second time in three vears, the Americans turned to Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi.

Twins Mike and Bob Bryan lost a doubles match for the first time in Davis Cup play Saturday, and Croatia took the lead against the heavily favored United States

Ivan Liubicic and Mario Ancic beat the Bryans 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4 for Croatia's second win in three matches in the best-of-five competition

Roddick will play Ljubicic in Sunday's first match, and Agassi will face Ancic in the fifth and final match - if the Croatians haven't clinched by then.

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe is glad he's able to send out Roddick and Agassi, who is playing Davis Cup for the first time in five years

"If there are two guys you want to roll out down 2-1, we've got the two guys we want," McEnroe 'So I'm extremely confident that they're both going to play well.

"Andre's been in this position before, and Andy's been in a position where he's had to win a match. This is our best team, our best one-two punch.'

The Bryans were 5-0 and hadn't lost a set in Davis Cup going in against Ljubicic and Ancic bronze medalists in the 2004 Olympics and playing Davis Cup doubles together for just the second time

"It hurts. It doesn't feel good to let your team down," Mike Bryan said, "It was a long, hard day, At least we kept them out there for two hours and 40 minutes

The Americans hope that playing both singles and doubles has taken a toll on Ljubicic, 25, and Ancic, 20. Ljubicic defeated Agassi in straight sets Friday, and Roddick downed Ancic 4-6, 6-2, 6-1,



Croatia's Ivan Liubicic, right, high fives his doubles tear Ancic after they defeated United States' Bob and Mike Bryan, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4, 6-4, during Saturday's first-round Davis Cup match.

Croatia ousted the United States in the opening round of the 2003 Cup play, the only previous meeting between the two coun-

Ljubicic won both his singles matches and teamed for a doubles victory in that competition in Zagreb

"To win five in a row is amazing," Ljubicic said of his perfect Davis Cup mark against America. "But it's still a long way. We need to win three sets, one of us, and it's not easy "It's still Roddick and Agassi

on the other side of the net so we need to be careful. McEnroe said there's more

pressure on Croatia, "pressure on them to close this out.

Croatia captain Nikola Pilic didn't agree. "I would say that they have to

win two matches and we only have to win one," he said.

The Americans, 5-32 in previous rounds when trailing 2-1. haven't won the Davis Cup since 1995. That's the longest drought in 68 years for the United States. beaten by Spain in last year's finals

Ljubicic, a singles finalist in four tour events already this year, made the difference in the doubles victory. Along with his booming serves, often in the high 130-mph range, he slashed shots down the lines and showed a deft touch at the net.

After winning the first set, the Bryans seemed to be back on their heels much of the rest of the match against the two talented singles players.

Ljubicic served 13 aces cluding three in a row for a 5-3 lead in the fourth set - and Ancic had eight. The Bryans combined

Agassi, who turns 35 next month, decided to return to try to help the Americans end their winless spell and capture their 32nd Davis Cup.

Liubicic's 6-3, 7-6 (0), 6-3 win over him was only Agassi's sixth loss in 36 Davis Cup matches.

# sets up Doral duel

MIAMI - Phil Mickelson heard the roars of a dynamic charge ahead of him. Every time he glanced at the leaderboard, he noticed Tiger Woods taking another shot off his lead until it was down to two Saturday in the Ford Championship at Doral Lefty was loving it.

'I had a different feeling today, Mickelson said after his 6-und 66. "I wanted him to play well. I

Golf roundup with him I've been looking forward to the chance to play head-to-head

against him. If I'm able to turn things around from the past and come out on top, it will make for a very special week.

Doral could not have asked for a better duel. Mickelson continued to bully

the Blue Monster with a variety of wedge shots from thick rough that gave him birdie chances, and left him at 20-under 196 and in the lead for the 10th consecutive round in stroke play.

Woods energized the monstrous gallery with his power, driving the green on the 347-vard 16th hole and making good on a birthday pledge to his father to shoot a low round. His 8-foot hirdie on the final hole gave him a 9-under 63, the low score of the tournament, and put him two shots behind

"We're going to have a bunch of fun tomorrow," Woods said. "It's going to be competitive, and I think we're both going to be focused on making a bunch of bird-

The gallery might not realize this, but there were other players with an outside chance at Doral.

Zach Johnson, who had to pull out of the pro-am with a had back shot a 64 and was six shots behind at 14 under, along with James Driscoll (67) and defending cham-

Vijay Singh couldn't keep pace with a 68 and was seven shots be-hind, joined by two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal (70) and former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (67)

pion Craig Parry (67)

But all that mattered to anyone were two of the biggest names in golf — Phil and Tiger.

They last played in the final group at the 2003 Buick Invitational, after Lefty had made his ininferior equipment comment Woods went on to win by four, with Mickelson six shots

Mickelson repeatedly said his record was not so stellar against Woods, although he usually is having to make up ground. He is one of three players on the PGA Tour to heat him from behind, at the 2000 Tour Championship.

While it looks like a two-man race on Sunday, Mickelson cautioned not to forget about the rest of the field.

We want to make sure that we don't let them back in the tournament," he said.



Tiger Woods watches as his ball rolls into the hole on the 18th green on Saturday at Doral, ending his charge that moved him within two shots of the lead.

#### Eagle gives Els Dubai title DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

Ernie Els eagled the final hole Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic for the third time with a one-stroke victory over Miguel Angel Jimenez, who had led for most of the tournament

Els. who shot a 4-under-par 68 and finished at 19-under 269, captured his first title of 2005. He also won in Dubai in 1994 and

Jimenez, a five-time winner on the European tour in 2004, reached the green in two on the par-5 18th but settled for par. The Spaniard missed a birdie putt from 10 feet and shared second place with Stephen Dodd of Wales, who finished with a 66 for

Colin Montgomerie of Scotland shot a 69 and followed at 272

#### Kerr leads MasterCard by two

HUIXOUILUCAN. Mexico Cristie Kerr shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Moira Dunn and South Korea's Sae-Hee Son into the final round of the MasterCard Classic, the first LPGA Tour event in Mexico since 1975. Annika Sorenstam, playing her

first event of the year, was three strokes behind after a 71, while Mexico's Lorena Ochoa shot a 75 to fall eight back at 2 over Kerr, second to Jennifer Ros-

ales last week in the SBS Onen in Hawaii, had six birdies - four on the back nine - and two bogeys to reach 6 under on the Bosque Real Country Club course. Dunn shot a 72, and Son had her second

Sorenstam, an eight-time winner last year on the LPGA Tour, was 3 under through 14 holes, but dropped two strokes with a dou-ble bogev on No. 15.

#### Browns trade for veteran QB Dilfer The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Browns didn't wait long to

find an experienced quarterback, acquiring Trent Dilfer from Seattle on Saturday for a fourth-round draft pick. The Browns were left with two inexperienced quarterbacks after Holcomb signed four-year deal with Buffalo on Fri-

Garcia earlier this offseason Enter Dilfer, who became ex-pendable in Seattle after starter Matt Hasselbeck signed six-year, \$49 million contract last

They released starter Jeff

Dilfer, who turns 33 on March 13, appeared in five games last season, leading the Seahawks to victories in his only two starts.

The trade, contingent on league approval and Dilfer passing a

unites NFL 6-foot-4 briefs 225-pound

quarterback General Manager Phil Savage. Savage was Baltimore's player

nersonnel director when Dilfer took over for starter Tony Banks midway through the 2000 season and led the Ravens to a Super Bowl championship.

The move still leaves Cleveland with plenty of flexibility as it searches for a long-term solution at quarterback.

Dilfer only has one year left on his contract, so his addition would not prevent the Browns from making other moves. fourth-round pick also is an extra one, acquired from Denver for defensive tackle Gerard Warren ear-

Luke McCown and Josh Harris

were the only two quarterbacks on the Cleveland roster before the trade

Falcons re-sign returner Rossum ATLANTA - The Atlanta Falcons re-signed Pro Bowl return specialist Allen Rossum on Saturday and added kicker Todd Peter-

Rossum, who set an NFL play-off record last season with 153 yards on three punt returns against St. Louis, agreed to a four-year contract. The 5-foot-8, 178 pound seven-year veteran had 21 tackles, two interceptions and a sack while playing defen-

Peterson agreed to a one-year deal. He kicked for San Francisco



Eastern Kentucky's Zach Ingles (3) is pressured by Austin Peay's Maurice Hampton, left, and Derek Wright during the Ohio Valley Conference title game on Saturday. Eastern Kentucky won 52-46.

### **Colonels march into NCAA**

#### Eastern Kentucky ends 26-year tournament drought; Winthrop, Central Florida, Chattanooga earn berths

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Travis Ford has played in a handful of NCAA tournaments and even a Final Four. Yet coaching his own team to an NCAA appearance easily beats anything he accomplished on the court as a star guard at Kentucky.

"This will be something that you remember for a lifetime said Ford, who will be making his NCAA tournament debut as a

Zach Ingles scored 15 points and Eastern Kentucky earned its first NCAA tournament berth since 1979 by holding off Austin Peay 52-46 Saturday in the Ohio Valley Conference championship

The Colonels set a school record for victories by winning their seventh straight and improving to 22-8 overall. This will be Eastern Kentucky's sixth NCAA tournament berth overall

Ford said he told his Colonels to seize an opportunity that may never come their way again in a conference in which only the tournament champion is assured an NCAA berth.

"This is my greatest sports achievement to this date. I'm so happy for these guys that they get

Conference tournaments

to experience it," Ford said. Haney added

12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the second-seeded Colonels. Ford joked that he had to beg the 6-foot-6 senior forward to help him rebuild a program that won only seven games during each of the Ford's

first two seasons.

Haney said he had faith that Ford would keep bringing in good players and now he will get to finish his career in the NCAA tournament, an unimaginable goal four

vears ago. "It's just an unbelievable feel-

ing," Haney said. The Colonels led by as much as 13 twice, the last at 32-19 after a three-pointer by Ingles with 15:29 left. Austin Peay (13-19) got back into it with a 16-5 run, closing to 47-46 on two free throws by Maurice Hampton with 50.6 seconds

Ingles answered with a long three-pointer with 21.7 seconds to play to seal the victory.

Big South
Winthrop 68, Charleston
Southern 46: Craig Bradshaw had 16 points and Torrell Martin had 13 points and nine rebounds,

helping Winthrop return to the NCAA tournament after two-vear absence.

Winthrop (27-5) went to the NCAA tournament in each of coach Gregg Marshall's first four season before missing out in 2003 and 2004

#### **Atlantic Sun**

Central Florida 63, Gard-ner-Webb 54: Gary Johnson scored 19 points to help Central Florida (24-8) clinch its second straight NCAA tournament appearance.

UCF (24-8), which is 12-1 in its last 13 games, held Gard-ner-Webb (18-12) without a field goal for almost 12 minutes to turn three-point deficit into a 15-point advantage

#### Southern

Chattanooga 66, UNC Greensboro 62: Charles Anderson led a balanced offense with 13 points and Mindaugas Katelynas added 12 to help Chattanooga (20-10) win its first Southern Conference title since 1997 in its first season under coach Jeff Shulman

Greensboro (18-12) used an 8-0 run to cut Chattanooga's lead to two with 1:27 left, but the Mocs made five of eight free throws down the stretch.

#### Men's conference tournament scoreboard

#### America East

Friday, March 4 Md.-Baltimore Co. 78, New Hampshire 73 Stony Brook 66. Hartford 46 Saturday, March 5 Binghamton 76, Albany, N.Y. 70 Vermont 76, Md. Raltimosc. Vermont 76, Albany, N.T. 70 Vermont 76, Md. Baltimore Co. 6 Northeastern 90, Stony Brook 79 Maine 47, Boston University 45 Sunday, March 6

#### Atlantic Sun

Thursday, March 3 Gardner-Webb 64, Troy 62 Central Florida 81, Mercer 68 Belmont 67, Georgia State 61 Jacksonville 88, Lipscomb 64 Friday, March 4 Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76 Saturday, March 5 Championship Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

#### Atlantic 10

Wednesday, March 9 Richmond vs. Rhode Island Massachusetts vs. La Salle Fordham vs. Duquesne
Dayton vs. St. Bonaventure
Thursday, March 10
Saint Joseph's vs. Richmond/Rh
Xavier vs. Massachusetts/La Sa Aavier vs. Massachusetts (ta. Salle Geo. Washington vs. Fordham/Duguesne Temple vs. Dayton/St. Bonaventure Semifinals

Semifinals Saturday, March 12

#### Big East

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West Virginia vs. Providence
Georgetown vs. Seton Hall
Notre Dame vs. Rutgers Ander
Boston College vs. W. Virginia/Providence
Villanova vs. Pittsburgh
Connecticut vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall
Syracuse vs. Notre Dame/Rutgers
Semifinals Samifinale Saturday, March 12

#### Big Sky

Saturday, March 5
Montana S8, Eastern Washington 48
Weber State 74, Sacramento State 71
Tuesday, March 8
Montana State vs. Montana
Portland State vs. Weber St.
Wednesday, March 9
Championship

Big South
Tuesday, March 1
ston Southern 56, Liberty 69
oint 98, Nc. Asheville 93, OT
rop 74, Coastal Carolina 62
ngham-Southern 69, Radford 40
Thursday, March 3
Southern 58, High Point 55
Southern 58, High Point 54 Charleston Southern 58, High Point 59
Winthrop 78, Birmingham-Southern 6
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 46

#### **Colonial Athletic**

Friday, March 4
William & Mary 68, James Madison 54
Delaware 76, Towson 55
Saturday, March 5
Old Dominion 64, William & Mary 51
Holstra 89, Drexel 174, Polasura 61
Wa Commonwealth 74, Polasura 61 riorStra 89, Drexel 77
Va. Commonwealth 74, Delaware 61
N.C.-Wilmington 60, George Mason 47
Sunday, March 6
Old Dominion vs. Hofstra
Va. Commonwealth vs. N.C.-Wilmington
Monday, March 7
Championship

#### Conference USA

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Wednesday, March 9
Texa Schristian vs. Marquette
DePaul vs. Tulane
Memphis vs. Saint Louis
Houston vs. South Florida
Thursday, March 10
Louisville vs. TcU/Marquette
Alabama-Birmingham vs. DePaul/Tulc
Cincinnati vs. Houston/Soutowis
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#### Horizon League

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Loyola of Chicago 78, Youngstown State 1
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#### **Metro Atlantic**

Friday, March 4
Iona 68, Siena 51
Canisius 62, Marist 60
Manhattan 88, Loyola, Md. 67
Saturday, March 5
Iona 97, St. Peter's 73
Rider 79, Canisius 59

Fairfield 62, Manhattan 60 Sunday, March 6 Niagara vs. Iona Rider vs. Fairfield

#### Mid-American Monday, March 7

Marshall at ONIO MARSHALL AND M Semifinals Saturday, March 12

#### **Mid-Continent**

Saturday, March 5
Oral Roberts 82, Southern Utah 5
Oakland, Mich 67, Mo.-Kansas City 63
Sanday, March 6
Sunday, March 6
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Oral Roberts vs. UPUJ.W. Illinois
Oakland, Mich. vs. UPUJ.W. Illinois
Oakland, Mich. vs. UPUJ.W. Illinois
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Indiana State 63, Bradley 61
Drake 82, Evansville 69
Saturday, March 5
Southern State 49
Southern State 52
Sunday, March 6
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Sunday, March 6
Southern State 54
Wichita State 54
Wichita State 54
Champlonship
Monday, March 7
Champlonship

#### Mountain West

Thursday, March 10 uran vs. Colorado State
UNLV vs. Wyoming
New Mexico vs. Brigham Young
Air Force vs. San Diego State
Piday, March 11
Utah/Colorado State vs. UNLV-Wyoming
New Mexico 701 vs. Air Force-San Diego St.
Champlonship.

#### Northeast

Monmouth, N.J. 54, C. Connecticut 53
Fairleigh Dickinson 78, St. Francis, N.Y. 60
Wagner 69, Robert Morris 65
Cong Island U. 76, St. Francis, Pa. 67
Sunday, March 6
Wagner at Monmouth, N.J.
LIU at Fairleigh Dickinson
Wednesday, March 9 Champions

#### Ohio Valley

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Tuesday, March 1
Tennessee Tech 72, Eastern Illinois 68
Eastern Kentuckoy 74, Tennessee State 6
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Southeast Missouri 61, Murray State 58
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Eastern Kentuckoy 62, 65, Missouri 52
Championship
Eastern Kentucky 52, Austin Peay 46 ) Pssee State 68

#### Patriot

Friday, March 4
Lehigh 77, Colgate 60
Holy Cross 76, Army 42
American 85, Navy 83, OT
Bucknell 70, Lafayette 34
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#### Southern

Wednesday, March 2 Elon 64, Wofford 58 Georgia Southern 69, Western Carolina 57

East Tennessee State 87, Furman 84 Appalachian State 68, The Citadel 99 Davidson 67, Elon 53, Merch 3 N.C.-Greensbor 073, Georgia Southern 71 Chattanooga 77, East Tennessee State 70 Appalachian State 63, Charleston 60 N.C.-Greensbor 073, Davidson 68 Chattanooga 57, Appalachian State 51 Saturday, March 5 Championship Chattanooga 68, N.C.-Greensbor 62

#### Southland

Tuesday, March 8
Texas-Arlington at Northwestern (La.) St.
Texas State at Southeastern Louislana
McNeese State at Sam Houston State
Lamar at Texas-San Antonio
Thursday, March 10 Samifinals

Sunday, March 13 Championship

#### Sun Belt

Fiday, March 4
Fia. International 60, South Alabama 57
Arkansas State 84, North Texas 76
Middle Tennessee 77, New Mexico State 63
Saturday, March 5
Fia. International 69, Ark-Little Rock 64
Denver 64, Arkansas State 7
Sunday, March 6
Western Kentucky vs. New Orleans Sunday, March 6
Western Kentucky vs. New Orleans
La.-Lafayette vs. Middle Tennessee
Monday, March 7
Denver vs. W. Kentucky/New Orleans
Fla. Int'l vs. La.-Lafayette/Middle Tenn.
Tuesday, March 8
Champlonship

#### **West Coast**

Friday, March 4
Pepperdine 91, Loyola Marymount:
San Francisco 65, Portland Carbonia San Francisco 65, Portland San Francisco 65, Portland Francisco 60, Santa Clara 67, San Francisco 60, Santa Clara 67, San Francisco 60, Sonday, March 60, Sonday, March 70, Santh Mary's, Calif. vs. Santa Clara Monday, March 7

#### **Western Athletic**

Tuesday, March 8
Hawaii vs. San Jose State
Boise State vs. Tulsa
Thursday, March 10
Texas-El Paso vs. Hawaii/San Jose State
Rice vs. Southern Methodist
Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tech
Nevada vs. Boise State/Tulsa
Friday, March 11

Friday, March 11
Sermifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship



Stanford's Matt Haryasz (52) scores over Washington's Nate Robinson during the second half of Saturday's game, which Stanford won 77-67.

### Huskies' hopes dashed

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Matt Haryasz had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds and inspired Stanford shocked No. 10 Washington 77-67 on Saturday, dashing the Huskies' bid for at least a share of their first Pac-10 title in two decades.

"We blew our chance. That was it," said guard Nate Robinson, frustrated with his 4-for-16, 11-point performance. "I'm just speechless right now. I don't know what to say. We couldn't get it done."

Arizona's last-second, 70-68 victory over Arizona State gave the Wildcats the title outright, one game ahead of the Huskies (24-5, 14-4 Pac-10), who haven't won a league title since tying USC in 1985

Strangely enough, it was Washington that kept Stanford from an undefeated regular-season last year by ending the Cardinal's 26-game winning streak with a 77-66 victory in Seattle during the final Pac-10 weekend.

"That hurt," Haryasz recalled of last season's meeting.

Brandon Roy had 16 points and eight rebounds, but the cold-shooting Huskies never found a rhythm only two days after making a school-record 16 three-pointers in a 106-73 victory at California.

Washington has lost 12 straight games at Maples Pavilion, where a sellout crowd of 7,233 made things hard for the Huskies all Hundreds of students dressed in red ran onto the floor to celebrate when the final buzzer sound-

ed.

The Huskies had won four straight and eight of nine, and their frustration was evident when Roy hammered Fred Washington under the basket with 26.6 seconds left for an intentional foul.

"If you're standing around like we were, it's hard to get ball movement," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "That was maybe the biggest culprit."

Stanford (17-11, 11-7) took a najor step forward after an embarrassing 59-48 loss to Washington State on Thursday. The Cardinal, who have reached the NCAA tournament's second round each of the past 10 seasons, did a lot to boost their postseason chances.

"We were embarrassed two nights ago, and we didn't want any part of that feeling again," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said.

Haryasz practically did it all on the day Stanford held a pregame ceremony to honor seniors Rob Little and Nick Robinson, who played crucial roles in last year's 30-2 season. In the first half, the 6-foot-11

Haryasz dribbled the ball upcourt against Washington's full-court press, then swished a baseline jumper moments later. "I was really inspired," Haryasz said. "I was pretty bummed

about the

game

Washington State

Jason Haas scored a career-high Is points and Chris Hernandez and Robinson each added 12 as Stanford kept the Huskies from matching the school victory record set by the 1953 team that achieved the school's only Final Four appearance.

Washington hasn't won at Maples since a 68-67 victory Jan. 30, 1993, and hasn't swept its annual Bay Area trip since the '84-85 season.

This Huskies team is accomplishing things the traditionally football-frenzied school hasn't done since the days Detlef Schrempf and Christian Welple wore purple and gold. But now Washington will have to regroup in a hurry to prepare for next weekend's conference tournament in Los Angeles.

"We learn from our mistakes," Nate Robinson said. "And we've got to learn from this game.

"We knew we were ready and focused," he said. "We wanted to win so bad. We couldn't knock down a shot. I know I took some terrible shots."

Washington went 8½ minutes over one stretch without a field goal, missing 19 straight shots. "We got impatient for whatever

"We got impatient for whatever reason," Romar said. "It wasn't a selfish thing."

The Huskies fell behind 9-4, but responded with an 11-1 run tog og ahead as Stanford missed 11 of its first 14 shots. But Washington was held scoreless over the final 5:22 of the half and trailed 31-29 at the break after Stanford closed on a 10-0 run.

### Connecticut routs Syracuse in Big East showdown

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Denham Brown scored 21 points and No. 15 Connecticut beat No. 13 Syracuse 88-70 on Saturday to earn a share of the Big East regular season championship, the Huskies' record ninth conference title.

Connecticut (21-6, 13-3) ended up sharing the title with Boston College after the No. 5 Eagles beat Rutgers 78-66 on Saturday night. With the victory, Boston College secured the No. 1 seed in next week's Big East tournament.

The Huskies used some impressive second-half defense to beat the Orange (24-6, 11-5) and win for the ninth time in 10 games. The only loss in that stretch was a nonconference game against North Carolina.

Hakim Warrick had 25 points for Syracuse, the third seed in the Big East tournament, but he was 0-for-6 from the field in the second half, scoring all his points on a 10-for-16 effort from the free throw line.

Gerry McNamara added 12 points for the Orange, but he was 2-for-10 from 3-point range and Syracuse finished 2-for-22 from beyond the arc.

No. 5 Boston College 78, Rutgers 66: Boston College clinched the Big East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in next week's tournament behind a



21-point, 11-rebound performance by Jared Dudley.

Boston College (24-3, 13-3) finished tied with Connecticut for the best record, but it won the tiebreaker, having beaten the Huskies 75-70 in January.

Texas 74, No. 8 Oklahoma St. 73: Brad Buckman tied a career high with 27 points, and Texas put an impressive victory on its NCAA tournament resume.

The loss ended the Oklahoma State's homecourt winning streak — the longest in the nation — at 29 games. Kenny Taylor added 11 for Texas (20-9, 9-7 Big 12).

Joey Graham scored 17 to lead Oklahoma State (20-6, 11-5), and JamesOn Curry added 16.

No. 9 Louisville 66, DePaul 62: The Cardinals clinched the Conference USA title behind Larry O'Bannon's 24 points.

Louisville (26-4, 14-2), which had already clinched the top seed in the conference tournament, won for the 15th time in 16 games and finished 9-1 on the road.

No. 14 Michigan St. 90, Penn State 64: Alan Anderson scored 22 points and Chris Hill added 21 for the Spartans.

Kelvin Torbert and Maurice

Ager each added 11 points for Michigan State (22-5, 13-3 Big Ten).

Ben Luber and Mike Walker each scored 12 for Penn State (7-22, 1-15). No. 16 Utah 72, San Diego St.

60: Andrew Bogut recorded his 20th double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds in what was likely his final college home game. Although he's just a sophomore, Utah honored the 7-foot Australian before the season finale, a tradition usually reserved for seniors.

Bogut opened the game for the Utes (25-4, 13-1 Mountain West) with a two-handed dunk and all but ended it late in the second half with a 3-pointer to help Utah complete a 16-0 season at home.

No. 17 Pacific 64, UC Riverside 48: Guillaume Yango had 12 points and 14 rebounds to help Pacific complete a perfect season in the Big West Conference.

Mike Webb added 10 points for Pacific (25-2, 18-0), which tied a school record by winning its 21st straight game.

South Florida 85, No. 18 Charlotte 73: Terrence Leather scored 24 points and Brian Swift added 19 to lead South Florida to one of the biggest wins in school history.

The loss was the second straight for Charlotte (21-6, 12-3),

which performed much of the night like a team that had little to play for after Louisville clinched the Conference USA regular-season title by beating DePaul earlier in the day.

No. 19 Villanova 70, St. John's 68: Allan Ray scored 22 points and Villanova jumped out to a big lead early in the second half before holding off stubborn St. John's. Will Sheridan added 19 points

Will Sheridan added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-6, 11-5 Big East), who have won seven straight and appear headed for their first NCAA tournament berth since 1999.

No. 20 Oklahoma 74, Texas Tech 54: Kevin Bookout scored 15 points to lead Oklahoma, which handed Bob Knight his worse home loss at Texas Tech.

Oklahoma (23-6, 12-4 Big 12) came out hot in the second half, scoring on five of its first six possessions to put together a 12-0 run and go up 42-29.

No. 21 Alabama 68, Mississippi St. 63: Kennedy Winston had 21 points as Alabama clinched the SEC West title.

Ronald Steele gave Alabama the lead for good when his three-pointer with 2:20 left began a 9-0 run. It helped wrap up the Crimson Tide's first division crown since 2002 and an opening-round bye in next week's SEC tournament. No. 22 Cincinnati 62, Memphis 60: James White hit an 8-foot baseline jumper with 16.2 seconds remaining for Cincinnati.

Armein Kirkland scored 16 points to lead the Bearcats (24-6, 12-4 Conference USA), who extended their winning streak to six games. White finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds. No. 23 Wisconsin 64, Purdue

**52:** Wisconsin spoiled the last regular-season stop on Gene Keady's frustrating farewell season, ensuring the first 20-loss season for Purdue in the Boilermakers' 107-year history.

Mike Wilkinson and Alando Tucker each scored 14 points — Tucker's all came in the first half — and Kammron Taylor added 11 for the Badgers (20-7, 11-5 Big Ten).

No. 24 Pittsburgh 85, Notre Dame 77: Chris Taft had a career-high 26 points and Pittsburgh (20-7, 10-6) posted its fourth straight 20-win season.

The Irish (17-9, 9-7) lost for the third time in four games.

Torin Francis had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Irish.

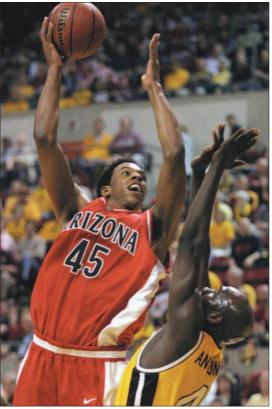
No. 25 Nevada 73, San Jose St. 69: Nick Fazekas had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Nevada (24-5, 16-2 Western Athletic Conference) rallied from a big early deficit for its 10th straight victory.

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Arizona's Channing Frye scores over Arizona State's Serge Angounou during the first half on Saturday in Tempe, Ariz, Arizona won 70-68 on Salim Stoudamire's last-second basket, to claim the Pac-10 title.

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# Stoudamire steps it up

### No call on game-winner lifts Arizona to Pac-10 title

BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — A record 305 Pac-10 victories for Lute Olson, and another outright conference title for the Arizona Wildcats after an afternoon of high drama against their often-overshadowed

in-state rivals.
Salim Stoudamire's apparent shuffle of the feet went undetected and his double-pump 14-foot jumper went in with six-tenths of a second to play to give the 11th-ranked Wildcats a 70-68 vic-

tory over Arizona State.

The Wildcats (25-5, 15-3) won their 11th conference title and ninth outright because No. 10 Washington lost at Stanford earlier in the day, and Arizona's 20th victory in its last 21 meetings with Arizona State was a thriller.

"ASU? They played their hearts out," Stoudamire said. "We got up a bunch, and they fought back, showed some grit. We got up in the second half and they fought back, showed some grit, and it went down to the wire."

The Sun Devils (18-12, 7-11) rallied from 18 down in the first half to pull within one at the break, and from 15 behind in the second half to take the lead.

Stoudamire scored 22, but his game-winner was his only field goal after halftime. Replays showed he took a small extra step on the play, but there was no whistle. Kevin Kruger's desperation three-pointer at the buzzer was far short.

Embattled Arizona State coach Rob Evans wouldn't comment on the non-call. "I don't get into officiating," Evans said. "I mean, you saw the

olay." In the Arizona locker room afterward, the players chanted "3-0-5" then doused Olson with water to celebrate his 305th Pac-10 victory, breaking the record of 304 by John Wooden.

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"It means I've been here a long time, I guess," Olson said. "Whatever you accomplish with the numbers, I mean, I haven't won a game. That's the whole thing you have to remember. There have been a lot of guys who have put blood, sweat and tears into this thing happening."

Hassan Adams scored all 15 of his points in the second half for Arizona. Mustafa Shakur added 14 points. Channing Frye had 10 points and nine rebounds but was just 3-for-11 shooting.

Ike Diogu, the Pac-10 scoring and rebounding leader, scored 25 points and played the last 11½ minutes with four fouls. Steve Moore, Adams' cousin, added 16 points. Jason Braxton had nine points, seven assists and nine robounds in his final home game for

"Nobody really thought we stood a chance against them," Diogu said, "so we just wanted to prove everybody wrong. I felt like we deserved to win this game."

Diogu's two free throws tied it at 68 with 48 seconds to play.

Adams missed for Arizona, but Stoudamire came away with the ball and Olson called a timeout with 20 seconds to left. Stoudamire took the inbound pass, dribbled down the clock, then had to double-pump against Braxton's tight defense before lofting it in.

"Oh man, I tried to force him right, and stepped back and created enough cushion to get his shot off," Braxton said. "He kind of hung up a little bit in the air so I couldn't block it. He made a great

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